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### ***"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
4 Office of Early Childhood. The office shall be under the direction of the  
5 Commissioner of Early Childhood, whose appointment shall be made  
6 by the Governor. Such appointment shall be in accordance with the  
7 provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the general statutes, as  
8 amended by this act. The commissioner shall be responsible for  
9 implementing the policies and directives of the office. The  
10 commissioner shall have the authority to designate any employee as  
11 his or her agent to exercise all or part of the authority, powers and  
12 duties of the commissioner in his or her absence. Said office shall be  
13 within the Department of Education for administrative purposes.

14 (b) The office shall be responsible for:

15 (1) The delivery of services to young children and their families to  
16 ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each young child;

17 (2) Developing and implementing the early childhood information  
18 system, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this act;

19 (3) Developing and reporting on the early childhood accountability  
20 plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this act;

21 (4) Implementing a communications strategy for outreach to  
22 families, service providers and policymakers;

23 (5) Not later than September 1, 2014, beginning a state-wide  
24 longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness program examining the  
25 educational progress of children from prekindergarten programs to  
26 grade four, inclusive;

27 (6) Developing, coordinating and supporting public and private  
28 partnerships to aid early childhood initiatives;

29 (7) Developing and implementing a state-wide developmentally  
30 appropriate kindergarten assessment tool that measures a child's level  
31 of preparedness for kindergarten, but shall not be used as a  
32 measurement tool for program accountability;

33 (8) Creating a unified set of reporting requirements for the purpose  
34 of collecting the data elements necessary to perform quality  
35 assessments and longitudinal analysis;

36 (9) Comparing and analyzing data collected pursuant to reporting  
37 requirements created under subdivision (8) of this subsection with the  
38 data collected in the state-wide public school information system,  
39 pursuant to section 10-10a of the general statutes, for population-level  
40 analysis of children and families;

41 (10) Continually monitoring and evaluating all early care and

42 education and child development programs and services, focusing on  
43 program outcomes in satisfying the health, safety, developmental and  
44 educational needs of all children, while retaining distinct separation  
45 between quality improvement services and child day care licensing  
46 services;

47 (11) Coordinating home visitation services across programs for  
48 young children;

49 (12) Providing information and technical assistance to persons  
50 seeking early care and education and child development programs and  
51 services;

52 (13) Assisting state agencies and municipalities in obtaining  
53 available federal funding for early care and education and child  
54 development programs and services;

55 (14) Providing technical assistance to providers of early care and  
56 education programs and services to obtain licensing and improve  
57 program quality;

58 (15) Establishing a quality rating and improvement system  
59 developed by the office that covers home-based, center-based and  
60 school-based early child care and learning;

61 (16) Maintaining an accreditation facilitation initiative to assist early  
62 childhood care and education program and service providers in  
63 achieving national standards and program improvement;

64 (17) Consulting with the Early Childhood Cabinet, established  
65 pursuant to section 10-16z of the general statutes, as amended by this  
66 act, and the Head Start advisory committee, established pursuant to  
67 section 10-16n of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

68 (18) Ensuring a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide system  
69 of professional development for providers and staff of early care and  
70 education and child development programs and services;

71 (19) Providing families with opportunities for choice in services  
72 including quality child care and community-based family-centered  
73 services;

74 (20) Integrating early childhood care and education and special  
75 education services;

76 (21) Promoting universal access to early childhood care and  
77 education;

78 (22) Ensuring nonduplication of monitoring and evaluation;

79 (23) Performing any other activities that will assist in the provision  
80 of early care and education and child development programs and  
81 services;

82 (24) Developing early learning and development standards to be  
83 used by early care and education providers; and

84 (25) Developing and implementing a performance-based evaluation  
85 system to evaluate licensed child day care centers, in accordance with  
86 the provisions of section 17b-749f of the general statutes, as amended  
87 by this act.

88 (c) The Office of Early Childhood may enter into memoranda of  
89 agreement with and accept donations from nonprofit and  
90 philanthropic organizations to accomplish the purposes of this section.

91 (d) The Office of Early Childhood shall constitute a successor  
92 department, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e  
93 and 4-39 of the general statutes, to (1) the Department of Education  
94 with respect to sections 8-210, 10-16n, 10-16p to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-  
95 16u, 10-16w, 10-16aa, 17b-749a, 17b-749c and 17b-749g to 17b-749i,  
96 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (2) the  
97 Department of Social Services (A) with respect to sections 17b-12, 17b-  
98 705a, 17b-730, 17b-733 to 17b-736, inclusive, 17b-738, 17b-739, 17b-749,  
99 17b-749d to 17b-749f, inclusive, 17b-749j, 17b-749k, 17b-750 to 17b-

100 751a, inclusive, 17b-751d and 17b-751e of the general statutes, as  
101 amended by this act, and (B) for the purpose of administering the child  
102 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and  
103 Development Block Grant Act of 1990; and (3) the Department of  
104 Public Health (A) with respect to sections 10a-194c, 12-634, 17a-28, 17a-  
105 101 and 19a-80f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) for  
106 the purpose of regulating child day care services pursuant to sections  
107 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-82 and 19a-84 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the  
108 general statutes, as amended by this act, (C) for the purpose of the  
109 conduct of regulation of youth camps, pursuant to sections 19a-420 to  
110 19a-434, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
111 (D) for the purpose of administering the Maternal, Infant, and Early  
112 Childhood Home Visiting Program authorized under the Patient  
113 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148.

114 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is  
115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
116 *passage*):

117 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
118 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
119 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner on Aging,  
120 Commissioner of Revenue Services, Banking Commissioner,  
121 Commissioner of Children and Families, Commissioner of Consumer  
122 Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Economic  
123 and Community Development, State Board of Education,  
124 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
125 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
126 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,  
127 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control  
128 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
129 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental  
130 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of  
131 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of  
132 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the Commissioner

133 of Early Childhood and the executive director of the Office of Military  
134 Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means  
135 the Commissioner of Education.

136 Sec. 3. Section 10-16bb of the general statutes is repealed and the  
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

138 [(a) On and after July 1, 2013, there shall be a coordinated system of  
139 early care and education and child development. The coordinated  
140 system of early care and education and child development shall consist  
141 of comprehensive and aligned policies, responsibilities, practices and  
142 services for young children and their families, including prenatal care  
143 and care for children from birth to eight years of age, inclusive, to  
144 ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each child, and that are  
145 in accordance with the plan developed by the planning director  
146 pursuant to section 10-16cc.

147 (b) The coordinated system of early care and education and child  
148 development shall (1) create a unified set of reporting requirements for  
149 the programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section  
150 10-16cc, for the purpose of collecting the data elements necessary to  
151 perform quality assessments and longitudinal analysis; (2) compare  
152 and analyze the data collected pursuant to reporting requirements  
153 created under subdivision (1) of this subsection with the data collected  
154 in the state-wide public school information system, pursuant to section  
155 10-10a, for population-level analysis of children and families; (3)  
156 develop and update appropriate early learning standards and  
157 assessment tools for children from birth to five years of age, inclusive,  
158 that are age and developmentally appropriate and that are aligned  
159 with existing learning standards as of July 1, 2013, and assessment  
160 tools for students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive; (4)  
161 continually monitor and evaluate all early childhood education and  
162 child care programs and services, focusing on program outcomes in  
163 satisfying the health, safety, developmental and educational needs of  
164 all children; (5) develop indicators that assess strategies designed to  
165 strengthen the family through parental involvement in a child's

166 development and education, including children with special needs; (6)  
167 increase the availability of early childhood education and child care  
168 programs and services and encourage the providers of such programs  
169 and services to work together to create multiple options that allow  
170 families to participate in programs that serve the particular needs of  
171 each family; (7) provide information and technical assistance to  
172 persons seeking early childhood education and child care programs  
173 and services; (8) assist state agencies and municipalities in obtaining  
174 available federal funding for early childhood education and child care  
175 programs and services; (9) provide technical assistance and  
176 consultation to licensed providers of early childhood education and  
177 child care programs and services and assist any potential provider of  
178 such programs and services in obtaining the necessary licensure and  
179 certification; (10) incorporate the quality rating and improvement  
180 system developed by the Department of Education that covers home-  
181 based, center-based and school-based early child care and learning;  
182 (11) maintain a system of accreditation facilitation to assist early  
183 childhood education and child care programs and services in  
184 achieving national standards and program improvement; (12) create  
185 partnerships between state agencies and philanthropic organizations  
186 to assist in the implementation of the coordinated system of early care  
187 and education and child development; (13) align the system's policy  
188 and program goals with those of the Early Childhood Education  
189 Cabinet, pursuant to section 10-16z, and the Head Start advisory  
190 committee, pursuant to section 10-16n; (14) ensure a coordinated and  
191 comprehensive state-wide system of professional development for  
192 providers of early childhood education and child care programs and  
193 services; (15) develop family-centered services that assist families in  
194 their communities; (16) provide families with opportunities for choice  
195 in services including quality child care; (17) integrate early childhood  
196 education and special education services; (18) emphasize targeted  
197 research-based interventions; (19) organize services into a coherent  
198 system; (20) coordinate a comprehensive and accessible delivery  
199 system for early childhood education and child care services; (21) focus  
200 on performance measures to ensure that services are accountable,

201 effective and accessible to the consumer; (22) promote universal access  
202 to early childhood care and education; (23) ensure nonduplication of  
203 monitoring and evaluation; (24) encourage, promote and coordinate  
204 funding for the establishment and administration of local and regional  
205 early childhood councils that implement local and regional birth-to-  
206 eight systems; and (25) perform any other activities that will assist in  
207 the provision of early childhood education and child care programs  
208 and services.]

209 [(c) The coordinated system of early care and education and child  
210 development] The Office of Early Childhood shall collaborate with  
211 local and regional early childhood councils [to implement the  
212 coordinated system of] in the implementation of early care and  
213 education and child development programs at the local level. Such  
214 early childhood councils shall: (1) Develop and implement a  
215 comprehensive plan for an early childhood system for the community  
216 served by such early childhood council, (2) develop policy and  
217 program planning, (3) encourage community participation by  
218 emphasizing substantial parental involvement, (4) collect, analyze and  
219 evaluate data with a focus on program and service outcomes, (5)  
220 allocate resources, and (6) perform any other functions that will assist  
221 in the provision of early childhood programs and services. Such early  
222 childhood councils may enter into memoranda of agreement with the  
223 local or regional school readiness council, described in section 10-16r,  
224 of the town or region served by such early childhood council to  
225 perform the duties and functions of a school readiness council, in  
226 accordance with the provisions of [said] section 10-16r, as amended by  
227 this act, or if no such local or regional school readiness council exists  
228 for the town or region of such early childhood council, perform the  
229 duties and functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with  
230 the provisions of section 10-16r, as amended by this act.

231 [(d) The coordinated system of early care and education and child  
232 development may enter into memoranda of agreement with and accept  
233 donations from nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to



234 accomplish the purposes of this section.]

235       Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Early  
236 Childhood shall develop and implement an early childhood  
237 information system. Such early childhood information system shall  
238 facilitate and encourage the sharing of data between and among early  
239 childhood service providers by tracking (1) the health, safety and  
240 school readiness of all young children receiving early care and  
241 education services from (A) any local or regional board of education,  
242 including children enrolled in a preschool program under the  
243 Connecticut Smart Start competitive grant program, pursuant to  
244 section 83 of this act, (B) school readiness program, as defined in  
245 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (C)  
246 any program receiving public funding, in a manner similar to the  
247 system described in section 10-10a of the general statutes, (2) the  
248 characteristics of the existing and potential workforce serving such  
249 children, (3) the characteristics of such programs serving such children,  
250 and (4) data collected, if any, from the preschool experience survey,  
251 described in section 84 of this act.

252       (b) Any local or regional board of education, school readiness  
253 program, or any child day care center as described in subdivision (1) of  
254 subsection (a) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes and licensed by  
255 the Department of Public Health or the Office of Early Childhood, shall  
256 ensure that all children and all staff in a school under the jurisdiction  
257 of such board, program or center are entered into the early childhood  
258 information system.

259       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 31,  
260 2015, the Office of Early Childhood shall develop, in consultation with  
261 the Early Childhood Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z of  
262 the general statutes, an early childhood accountability plan. Such plan  
263 shall (1) identify and define appropriate population indicators and  
264 program and system performance measures of the health, safety and  
265 readiness of children to enter kindergarten, and early school success of  
266 children, and shall identify any new or improved data required for

267 such purposes; and (2) include aggregate information on the  
268 characteristics of children and programs tracked by the early  
269 childhood information system, developed pursuant to section 4 of this  
270 act, including, but not limited to, family income, whether the families  
271 of such children receive assistance through temporary assistance for  
272 needy families, pursuant to section 17b-112 of the general statutes, or a  
273 similar program, and the communities in which such children reside  
274 using a performance measurement accountability framework.

275 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the office  
276 shall develop report cards containing the indicators and performance  
277 measures identified in the early childhood accountability plan.

278 (c) Not later than January 15, 2016, the Office of Early Childhood  
279 shall (1) submit the early childhood accountability plan, and (2)  
280 annually report on the results of such plan and report cards to the joint  
281 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
282 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with  
283 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

284 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood shall  
285 develop, in consultation with the Department of Education, a plan for  
286 (1) changing the date that a child must reach five years of age to be  
287 eligible to enroll in kindergarten under section 10-15c of the general  
288 statutes from January first of any school year to October first of any  
289 school year, and (2) the creation of spaces in school readiness  
290 programs and public and private prekindergarten programs for those  
291 children who reach five years of age after October first of any school  
292 year and are not eligible to enroll in kindergarten for such school year.  
293 Not later than June 30, 2015, the office shall submit such plan to the  
294 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
295 of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of  
296 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

297 Sec. 7. Section 10-14n of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
298 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

299 *from passage*):

300 (a) As used in this section, "mastery examination" means an  
301 examination or examinations, approved by the State Board of  
302 Education, that measure essential and grade-appropriate skills in  
303 reading, writing, mathematics or science.

304 (b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school  
305 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grades three to eight,  
306 inclusive, and grade ten or eleven in any public school shall, annually,  
307 in March or April, take a mastery examination in reading, writing and  
308 mathematics.

309 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school  
310 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grade five, eight, ten or eleven  
311 in any public school shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-  
312 wide mastery examination in science.

313 (c) Mastery examinations pursuant to subsection (b) of this section  
314 shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of the  
315 State Board of Education.

316 (d) The scores on each component of the mastery examination for  
317 each tenth or eleventh grade student may be included on the  
318 permanent record and transcript of each such student who takes such  
319 examination. For each tenth or eleventh grade student who meets or  
320 exceeds the state-wide mastery goal level on any component of the  
321 mastery examination, a certification of having met or exceeded such  
322 goal level shall be made on the permanent record and the transcript of  
323 each such student and such student shall be issued a certificate of  
324 mastery for such component. Each tenth or eleventh grade student  
325 who fails to meet the mastery goal level on each component of said  
326 mastery examination may annually take or retake each such  
327 component at its regular administration until such student scores at or  
328 above each such state-wide mastery goal level or such student  
329 graduates or reaches age twenty-one.

330 (e) No public school may require achievement of a satisfactory score  
331 on a mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of  
332 such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.

333 [(f) Not later than April 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Education  
334 shall develop and implement a state-wide developmentally  
335 appropriate kindergarten assessment tool that measures a child's level  
336 of preparedness for kindergarten, but shall not be used as a  
337 measurement tool for program accountability pursuant to section 10-  
338 16s.]

339 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the 2014 supplement to  
340 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
341 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

342 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school  
343 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve  
344 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The  
345 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the  
346 grant programs established pursuant to sections [10-16p.] 10-265f, 10-  
347 265m and 10-266t. The grant program and its component parts shall be  
348 for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest  
349 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)  
350 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to  
351 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one  
352 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the  
353 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of  
354 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in  
355 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the  
356 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are  
357 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based  
358 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family  
359 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,  
360 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery  
361 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-  
362 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant

363 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-  
364 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively  
365 with such school districts during any school year to improve their  
366 educational programs or [to provide early childhood education or]  
367 early reading intervention programs. The component parts of the grant  
368 shall be allocated according to the provisions of sections [10-16p,] 10-  
369 265f, 10-265m and 10-266t. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of  
370 section 10-276a, the State Board of Education shall allocate one million  
371 dollars to each of the eight towns described in subdivision (1) of this  
372 subsection and five hundred thousand dollars to each of the towns  
373 described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, except the  
374 towns described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not receive  
375 any additional allocation if they are also described in subdivision (2) or  
376 (3) of this subsection.

377 Sec. 9. Section 10-16n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
378 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

379 (a) The Commissioner of [Education, in consultation with the  
380 Commissioner of Social Services,] Early Childhood shall establish a  
381 competitive grant program to assist nonprofit agencies and local and  
382 regional boards of education, which are federal Head Start grantees, in  
383 (1) establishing extended-day and full-day, year-round, Head Start  
384 programs or expanding existing Head Start programs to extended-day  
385 or full-day, year-round programs, (2) enhancing program quality, and  
386 (3) increasing the number of children served. The commissioner, after  
387 consultation with the committee established pursuant to subsection (c)  
388 of this section, shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least  
389 twenty-five per cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the  
390 purpose of enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards  
391 of education seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make  
392 application to the [Commissioner of Education] commissioner on such  
393 forms and at such times as the commissioner shall prescribe. All grants  
394 pursuant to this section shall be funded within the limits of available  
395 appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private donations.

396 All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded pursuant to this  
397 section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start performance  
398 standards.

399 (b) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall  
400 annually allocate to each town in which the number of children under  
401 the [aid to dependent children] temporary family assistance program,  
402 as defined in subdivision [(14)] (17) of section 10-262f, equals or  
403 exceeds nine hundred children, determined for the fiscal year ending  
404 June 30, 1996, an amount equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
405 plus eight and one-half dollars for each child under the [aid to  
406 dependent children] temporary family assistance program, provided  
407 such amount may be reduced proportionately so that the total amount  
408 awarded pursuant to this subsection does not exceed two million  
409 seven hundred thousand dollars. The [department] office shall award  
410 grants to the local and regional boards of education for such towns and  
411 nonprofit agencies located in such towns which meet the criteria  
412 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to maintain the  
413 programs established or expanded with funds provided pursuant to  
414 this subsection in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,  
415 1997. Any funds remaining in the allocation to such a town after grants  
416 are so awarded shall be used to increase allocations to other such  
417 towns. Any funds remaining after grants are so awarded to boards of  
418 education and nonprofit agencies in all such towns shall be available to  
419 local and regional boards of education and nonprofit agencies in other  
420 towns in the state for grants for such purposes.

421 (c) There is established a committee to advise the [Commissioner of  
422 Education] commissioner concerning the coordination, priorities for  
423 allocation and distribution, and utilization of funds for Head Start and  
424 concerning the competitive grant program established under this  
425 section, and to evaluate programs funded pursuant to this section. The  
426 committee shall consist of the following members: (1) One member  
427 designated by the [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner; (2)  
428 six members who are directors of Head Start programs, two from

429 community action agency program sites or school readiness liaisons,  
430 one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
431 Senate and one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two  
432 from public school program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by  
433 the majority leader of the Senate and one by the majority leader of the  
434 House of Representatives, and two from other nonprofit agency  
435 program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader  
436 of the Senate and one by the minority leader of the House of  
437 Representatives; (3) one member designated by the Commission on  
438 Children; (4) one member designated by the Early Childhood  
439 [Education] Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as  
440 amended by this act; (5) two members designated by the Head Start  
441 Association, one of whom shall be the parent of a present or former  
442 Head Start student; (6) one member designated by the Connecticut  
443 Association for Community Action who shall have expertise and  
444 experience concerning Head Start; (7) one member designated by the  
445 Region I Office of Head Start within the federal Administration of  
446 Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human  
447 Services; and (8) the director of the Head Start Collaboration Office.

448 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt  
449 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for  
450 purposes of this section.

451 Sec. 10. Section 10-16p of the 2014 supplement to the general  
452 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
453 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

454 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, as  
455 amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this act, and 17b-749c,  
456 as amended by this act:

457 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that  
458 (A) meets the standards set by the [department] Office of Early  
459 Childhood pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the  
460 requirements of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, and (B)

461 provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of not less  
462 than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days for eligible  
463 children, except as provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as  
464 amended by this act;

465 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age  
466 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school  
467 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and  
468 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

469 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more  
470 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or  
471 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,  
472 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to  
473 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former priority school  
474 district receiving a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and,  
475 on and after July 1, 2001, excluding such a school in a transitional  
476 school district receiving a grant pursuant to section 10-16u, as  
477 amended by this act;

478 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district  
479 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former  
480 priority school district in which forty per cent or more of the lunches  
481 served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price  
482 lunches;

483 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for  
484 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review  
485 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,  
486 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the  
487 commissioner, [in consultation with the Commissioner of Social  
488 Services,] unless the context otherwise requires;

489 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in  
490 subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

491 (7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Education] Early



492 Childhood; [and]

493 [(8) "Department" means the Department of Education.]

494 (8) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood; and

495 (9) "Seeking accreditation" means a school readiness program  
496 seeking accreditation by the National Association for the Education of  
497 Young Children or a Head Start on-site program review instrument or  
498 successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations, or attempting to  
499 meet criteria as may be established by the commissioner.

500 (b) (1) The [Department of Education] office shall be the lead agency  
501 for school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, as  
502 amended by this act, school readiness program providers eligible for  
503 funding from the [Department of Education] office shall include local  
504 and regional boards of education, regional educational service centers,  
505 family resource centers and providers of child day care centers, as  
506 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, Head Start  
507 programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet such  
508 standards established by the [Commissioner of Education]  
509 commissioner. The [department] office shall establish standards for  
510 school readiness programs. The standards may include, but need not  
511 be limited to, guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum  
512 content, including preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent  
513 involvement, staff qualifications and training, transition to school and  
514 administration. The [department] office shall develop age-appropriate  
515 developmental skills and goals for children attending such programs.  
516 The commissioner, in consultation with the president of the Board of  
517 Regents for Higher Education, the [Commissioner of] Commissioners  
518 of Education and Social Services and other appropriate entities, shall  
519 develop a professional development program for the staff of school  
520 readiness programs.

521 (2) For purposes of this section:

522 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each

523 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood  
524 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by  
525 an organization approved by the [Commissioner of Education]  
526 commissioner and twelve credits or more in early childhood education  
527 or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the  
528 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after  
529 consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social  
530 Services] commissioner, from an institution of higher education (I)  
531 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or [State  
532 Board of Education] Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally  
533 accredited; (ii) an associate's degree with twelve credits or more in  
534 early childhood education or child development, as determined by the  
535 commissioner or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher  
536 Education, after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education  
537 and Social Services] commissioner, from such an institution; (iii) a  
538 four-year degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood  
539 education or child development, as determined by the commissioner  
540 or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after  
541 consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social  
542 Services] commissioner, from such an institution; or (iv) certification  
543 pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood  
544 education or special education;

545 (B) From July 1, 2015, [to] until June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications"  
546 means that for each early childhood education program accepting state  
547 funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such  
548 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at  
549 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility  
550 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-  
551 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early  
552 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a  
553 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited  
554 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child  
555 development or human growth and development, from an institution  
556 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher

557 Education or Office of Higher Education, and regionally accredited,  
558 provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of  
559 Regents for Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and  
560 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, and (ii) such  
561 remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom  
562 of children hold an associate degree with a concentration in early  
563 childhood education, including, but not limited to, an associate's  
564 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or  
565 human growth and development, from an institution of higher  
566 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
567 or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided  
568 such associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for  
569 Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and the  
570 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood; and

571 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for  
572 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for  
573 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's  
574 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per  
575 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a  
576 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b  
577 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood  
578 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in  
579 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's  
580 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or  
581 human growth and development, from an institution of higher  
582 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
583 or [State Board of Education] the Office of Higher Education, and (II)  
584 regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree program is  
585 approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the Office  
586 of Higher Education and the [Department of Education] Office of Early  
587 Childhood.

588 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree in early childhood  
589 education or child development or a bachelor's degree and twelve

590 credits or more in early childhood education or child development,  
591 who, on or before June 30, 2015, is employed [as a teacher] by an early  
592 childhood education program that accepts state funds for infant,  
593 toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child day  
594 care program or school readiness program [and meets the staff  
595 qualifications required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of  
596 this subsection] shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications  
597 required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this  
598 subsection. No such early childhood education program shall  
599 terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of  
600 meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph  
601 (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. [Any such individual  
602 who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood  
603 education program and accepts a teacher position at another early  
604 childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces  
605 associated with such program's child day care program or school  
606 readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's  
607 progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth  
608 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a  
609 manner determined by the Department of Education.]

610 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree in early childhood  
611 education or child development or a bachelor's degree and twelve  
612 credits or more in early childhood education or child development,  
613 other than those bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs [(A)  
614 and] (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, may submit  
615 documentation concerning such degree for review and assessment by  
616 the [Department of Education] office as to whether such degree has a  
617 sufficient concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy  
618 the requirements set forth in said subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and (C).

619 (c) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
620 Commissioner of Social Services,] commissioner shall establish a grant  
621 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for  
622 eligible children who reside in priority school districts pursuant to

623 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in former priority school  
624 districts as provided in this subsection. Under the program, the grant  
625 shall be provided, in accordance with this section, to the town in which  
626 such priority school district or former priority school district is located.  
627 Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an  
628 applicant's designation as a priority school district for the initial year  
629 of application, except that if a school district that receives a grant  
630 pursuant to this subsection is no longer designated as a priority school  
631 district at the end of such five-year period, such former priority school  
632 district shall continue to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this  
633 subsection. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon  
634 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief  
635 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such  
636 priority school district or former priority school district shall submit a  
637 plan for the expenditure of grant funds and responses to the local  
638 request for proposal process to the [Departments of Education and  
639 Social Services. The departments shall jointly review such plans and  
640 shall each approve the portion of such plan within its jurisdiction for  
641 funding] commissioner. The commissioner shall review and approve  
642 such plans. The plan shall: (1) Be developed in consultation with the  
643 local or regional school readiness council established pursuant to  
644 section 10-16r, as amended by this act; (2) be based on a needs and  
645 resource assessment; (3) provide for the issuance of requests for  
646 proposals for providers of accredited school readiness programs,  
647 provided, after the initial requests for proposals, facilities that have  
648 been approved to operate a child care program financed through the  
649 Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority and have  
650 received a commitment for debt service from the Department of Social  
651 Services, pursuant to section 17b-749i, as amended by this act, on or  
652 before June 30, 2014, and on or after July 1, 2014, from the office, are  
653 exempt from the requirement for issuance of annual requests for  
654 proposals; and (4) identify the need for funding pursuant to section  
655 17b-749a, as amended by this act, in order to extend the hours and  
656 days of operation of school readiness programs in order to provide  
657 child day care services for children attending such programs.

658 (d) (1) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
659 Commissioner of Social Services,] commissioner shall establish a  
660 competitive grant program to provide spaces in accredited school  
661 readiness programs or school readiness programs seeking  
662 accreditation for eligible children who reside (A) in an area served by a  
663 priority school or a former priority school, [as provided for in  
664 subdivision (2) of this subsection,] (B) in a town ranked one to fifty  
665 when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town  
666 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school  
667 district is not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as  
668 amended by this act, [or] (C) in a town formerly a town described in  
669 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in subdivision (2)  
670 of this subsection, or (D) in a town designated as an alliance district, as  
671 defined in section 10-262u, whose school district is not a priority school  
672 district pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act. A town in  
673 which a priority school is located, a regional school readiness council,  
674 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, for a region in which such  
675 a school is located or a town described in subparagraph (B) of this  
676 subdivision may apply for such a grant in an amount not [to exceed]  
677 less than one hundred seven thousand dollars per priority school or  
678 town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an  
679 applicant's designation as having a priority school or being a town  
680 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for the initial year of  
681 application. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon  
682 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief  
683 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools of the  
684 school district or the regional school readiness council shall submit a  
685 plan, as described in subsection (c) of this section, for the expenditure  
686 of such grant funds to the [Department of Education] commissioner. In  
687 awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall  
688 give preference to applications submitted by regional school readiness  
689 councils and may, within available appropriations, provide a grant [in  
690 excess of one hundred seven thousand dollars to towns with two or  
691 more priority schools in such district] to such town or regional school  
692 readiness council that increases the number of spaces for eligible

693 children who reside in an area or town described in subparagraphs (A)  
694 to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, in an accredited school readiness  
695 program or a school readiness program seeking accreditation. A town  
696 or regional school readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this  
697 subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for such children  
698 from providers of accredited school readiness programs or school  
699 readiness programs seeking accreditation.

700 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,  
701 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town  
702 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is  
703 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a  
704 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal  
705 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
706 this subsection.

707 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as  
708 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town  
709 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in  
710 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant  
711 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of  
712 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the  
713 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final  
714 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that  
715 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received  
716 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to  
717 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year  
718 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to  
719 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed  
720 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the  
721 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
722 this subsection.

723 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year  
724 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph  
725 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June

726 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if  
727 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to  
728 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

729 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year  
730 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts  
731 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)  
732 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth  
733 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,  
734 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b)  
735 of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child  
736 cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)  
737 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts  
738 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by  
739 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b) of  
740 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall  
741 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds  
742 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots  
743 shall be reduced, as determined by the [Commissioner of Education]  
744 commissioner, to stay within the available appropriation.

745 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
746 this section are not expended, the [Commissioner of Education]  
747 commissioner may deposit such unexpended funds in the account  
748 established under section 10-16aa, as amended by this act, and use  
749 such unexpended funds in accordance with the provisions of section  
750 10-16aa, as amended by this act.

751 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2012] 2015, and each fiscal  
752 year thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c)  
753 of this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred  
754 thousand dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the  
755 provision of professional development for early childhood care and  
756 education program providers, [offered by a professional development  
757 and program improvement system within the Connecticut State  
758 University System] and staff employed in such programs, provided



759 such programs accept state funds for infant, toddler and preschool  
760 slots. Such unexpended funds may be available for use in accordance  
761 with the provisions of this subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year.  
762 The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may use such  
763 unexpended funds on and after [July 1, 2012, in consultation with the  
764 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education] July 1, 2015, to  
765 support early childhood education programs accepting state funds in  
766 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraphs (B)  
767 and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The  
768 [Department of Education] commissioner shall use any such funds to  
769 provide assistance to individual staff members, giving priority to those  
770 staff members (i) attending an institution of higher education [(i)]  
771 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or [State  
772 Board of Education] the Office of Higher Education, and approved by  
773 the Office of Early Childhood, and [(ii)] regionally accredited, at a  
774 maximum of five thousand dollars per staff member per year for the  
775 cost of higher education courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not  
776 later than December 31, [2013] 2015, an associate's degree, as such  
777 degrees are described in said subparagraphs (B) and (C), [at an in-state  
778 public institution of higher education or a Connecticut-based for-profit  
779 or nonprofit institution of higher education] or (ii) receiving noncredit  
780 competency-based training approved by the office, at a maximum of  
781 one thousand dollars per staff member per year, provided such staff  
782 members have applied for all available federal and state scholarships  
783 and grants, and such assistance does not exceed such staff members'  
784 financial need. Individual staff members shall apply for such  
785 unexpended funds in a manner determined by the [Department of  
786 Education] commissioner. The [Commissioner of Education]  
787 commissioner shall determine [, in consultation with the president of  
788 the Board of Regents for Higher Education,] how such unexpended  
789 funds shall be distributed.

790 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this  
791 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,  
792 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used

793 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the [Commissioner  
794 of Education] commissioner may use such unexpended funds to  
795 support local school readiness programs. The commissioner may use  
796 such funds for purposes including, but not limited to, (i) assisting local  
797 school readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation  
798 requirements, (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool  
799 assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance  
800 literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a state-wide preschool  
801 curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades  
802 kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing and implementing best  
803 practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student  
804 learning, (vi) developing and implementing strategies for children to  
805 transition from preschool to kindergarten, (vii) providing for  
806 professional development, including assisting in career ladder  
807 advancement, for school readiness staff, [and] (viii) providing  
808 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants  
809 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (ix) developing a plan to  
810 provide spaces in an accredited school readiness program or a school  
811 readiness program seeking accreditation to all eligible children who  
812 reside in an area or town described in subparagraphs (A) to (D),  
813 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as  
814 amended by this act.

815 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal  
816 years ending June 30, [2008] 2015, to June 30, [2013] 2016, inclusive, the  
817 [Department of Education] office may retain up to one hundred  
818 ninety-eight thousand two hundred dollars of the amount  
819 appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination, program  
820 evaluation and administration.

821 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to  
822 this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, shall not  
823 discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion  
824 or disability. For purposes of this section, a nonsectarian program  
825 means any public or private school readiness program that is not

826 violative of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the State of  
827 Connecticut or the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the  
828 United States of America.

829 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by  
830 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-  
831 16u, as amended by this act, shall be used to supplant federal, state or  
832 local funding received by such town for early childhood education,  
833 provided a town may use an amount determined in accordance with  
834 this subsection for coordination, program evaluation and  
835 administration. Such amount shall be at least twenty-five thousand  
836 dollars but not more than seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be  
837 determined by the [Department of Education, in consultation with the  
838 Department of Social Services,] commissioner based on the school  
839 readiness grant award allocated to the town pursuant to subsection (c)  
840 or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, and the  
841 number of operating sites for coordination, program evaluation and  
842 administration. Such amount shall be increased by an amount equal to  
843 local funding provided for early childhood education coordination,  
844 program evaluation and administration, not to exceed twenty-five  
845 thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant to  
846 subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by  
847 this act, shall designate a person to be responsible for such  
848 coordination, program evaluation and administration and to act as a  
849 liaison between the town and the [Departments of Education and  
850 Social Services] commissioner. Each school readiness program that  
851 receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u, as amended  
852 by this act, shall provide information to the [department]  
853 commissioner or the school readiness council, as requested, that is  
854 necessary for purposes of any school readiness program evaluation.

855 (h) [For the first three years a town receives grants] Any town  
856 receiving a grant pursuant to this section [,] may use such [grants may  
857 be used] grant, with the approval of the commissioner, to prepare a  
858 facility or staff for operating a school readiness program and shall be

859 adjusted based on the number of days of operation of a school  
860 readiness program if a shorter term of operation is approved by the  
861 commissioner.

862 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible  
863 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness  
864 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council  
865 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who  
866 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school  
867 readiness program located outside such region.

868 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant  
869 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for  
870 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the  
871 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision  
872 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

873 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this  
874 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to  
875 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such  
876 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

877 Sec. 11. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
878 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

879 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for  
880 collaboration with other community programs and services, including  
881 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate  
882 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for  
883 children of working parents and parents in education or training  
884 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;  
885 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name  
886 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health  
887 insurance company and information on whether the child is  
888 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early  
889 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program

890 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including  
891 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for  
892 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher  
893 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family  
894 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide  
895 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;  
896 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from  
897 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other  
898 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the  
899 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer  
900 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan  
901 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,  
902 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to  
903 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for  
904 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d, as  
905 amended by this act; and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness  
906 of the program. [On and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs  
907 shall use the assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-  
908 16s in conducting their annual evaluations.]

909 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of  
910 the Department of Education school readiness component of the  
911 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six  
912 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

913 [(2)] (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2015, and each  
914 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the [Department of  
915 Education] Office of Early Childhood school readiness program  
916 offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand  
917 [three] six hundred [forty-six] seventy dollars.

918 [(3)] (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section  
919 10-16p, as amended by this act, the [Department of Education] office  
920 shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) for  
921 the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year  
922 thereafter, is a local or regional board of education that does not collect

923 preschool experience data using the preschool experience survey,  
924 described in section 84 of this act, and make such data available for  
925 inclusion in the public school information system, pursuant to section  
926 10-10a, as amended by this act, (B) on or before January 1, 2004, first  
927 entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness  
928 services pursuant to this section and is not accredited on January 1,  
929 2007, or [(B)] (C) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with  
930 a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section  
931 and does not become accredited by the date three years after the date  
932 on which the provider first entered into such a contract, except that the  
933 [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may grant an extension of  
934 time for a school readiness program to become accredited or  
935 reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the [Department of  
936 Education] office conducts an on-site assessment of any such program  
937 and maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform  
938 manner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a list of  
939 conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or  
940 reaccredited, (ii) on or before June 30, 2014, the program is licensed by  
941 the Department of Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter  
942 368a, and on and after July 1, 2014, the program is licensed by the  
943 office if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a  
944 corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the  
945 [Commissioner of Education] office, and (iv) the program meets such  
946 other conditions as may be prescribed by the commissioner. During  
947 the period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for  
948 funding pursuant to [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

949 [(4)] (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care  
950 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject  
951 to such per child cost limitation.

952 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding  
953 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a  
954 school readiness program.

955 (d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application

956 to the [Department of Education] office on forms provided by the  
957 [department] office for the purpose of seeking approval of a school  
958 readiness schedule that varies from the minimum hours and number  
959 of days provided for in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
960 16p, as amended by this act, or from the definition of a year-round  
961 program pursuant to subdivision [(7) of said] (6) of subsection (a) of  
962 section 10-16p, as amended by this act. The [Department of Education]  
963 office may [, in consultation with the Department of Social Services,]  
964 approve any such waiver if the [departments find] office finds that the  
965 proposed schedule meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of  
966 section 10-16o concerning the development of school readiness  
967 programs and maximizes available dollars to serve more children or  
968 address community needs.

969 Sec. 12. Section 10-16r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
970 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

971 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of  
972 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or section 10-16u shall convene  
973 a local school readiness council or shall establish a regional school  
974 readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any other  
975 town may convene such a council. The chief elected official of the town  
976 or, in the case of a regional school district, the chief elected officials of  
977 the towns in the school district and the superintendent of schools for  
978 the school district shall jointly appoint and convene such council. Each  
979 school readiness council shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected  
980 official, or the official's designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a  
981 management level staff person as the superintendent's designee; (3)  
982 parents; (4) representatives from local programs such as Head Start,  
983 family resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child day care centers,  
984 group day care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and  
985 family day care home providers; (5) a representative from a health care  
986 provider in the community; and (6) other representatives from the  
987 community who provide services to children. The chief elected official  
988 shall designate the chairperson of the school readiness council.

989 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make  
990 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of  
991 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any  
992 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this  
993 act, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among  
994 providers of school readiness programs; [(3) assist in the identification  
995 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of  
996 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority  
997 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, the number of children not  
998 being served by such a program and the estimated operating cost of  
999 providing universal school readiness to eligible children in such  
1000 districts who are not being served; (4)] (3) submit biennial reports to  
1001 the Department of Education on the number and location of school  
1002 readiness spaces and estimates of [future needs; (5) submit biennial  
1003 reports on factors identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this  
1004 subsection; (6)] the number of children not being served by school  
1005 readiness programs and the estimated cost of providing spaces to all  
1006 eligible children, as described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of  
1007 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this  
1008 act, in an accredited school readiness program or a school readiness  
1009 program seeking accreditation; (4) cooperate with the department in  
1010 any program evaluation and, on and after July 1, 2000, use measures  
1011 developed pursuant to section 10-16s for purposes of evaluating the  
1012 effectiveness of school readiness programs; [(7)] (5) identify existing  
1013 and prospective resources and services available to children and  
1014 families; [(8)] (6) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services  
1015 to children and families, including (A) referral procedures, and (B)  
1016 before and after-school child care for children attending kindergarten  
1017 programs; [(9)] (7) exchange information with other councils, the  
1018 community and organizations serving the needs of children and  
1019 families; [(10)] (8) make recommendations to school officials  
1020 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;  
1021 and [(11)] (9) encourage public participation.

1022 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate



1023 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood  
1024 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness  
1025 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school  
1026 districts, the regional school readiness council may apply for a grant  
1027 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.  
1028 The regional school readiness council may perform the duties outlined  
1029 in subdivisions (2) to [(10)] (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this  
1030 section.

1031 Sec. 13. Section 10-16u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1032 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1033 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2002] 2015, and each fiscal year  
1034 thereafter, the Commissioner of [Education, in consultation with the  
1035 Commissioner of Social Services,] Early Childhood shall provide  
1036 grants, within available appropriations, to eligible school readiness  
1037 program providers pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-16p, as  
1038 amended by this act, to provide spaces in accredited school readiness  
1039 programs for eligible children who reside in transitional school  
1040 districts pursuant to section 10-263c, except for transitional school  
1041 districts eligible for grants pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16p,  
1042 as amended by this act. Under the program, the grant shall be  
1043 provided to the town in which such transitional school district is  
1044 located. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on  
1045 a school district's designation as a transitional school district in the  
1046 initial year of application, except that grants pursuant to this section  
1047 shall not be provided for transitional school districts eligible for grants  
1048 pursuant to subsection (c) of [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this  
1049 act. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon available  
1050 funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official  
1051 of such town and the superintendent of schools for such transitional  
1052 school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure of grant funds  
1053 and responses to the local request for proposal process to the  
1054 [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments shall  
1055 jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of such

1056 plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall] commissioner.  
1057 The commissioner shall review and approve such plans, provided such  
1058 plans meet the requirements specified in subsection (c) of [said] section  
1059 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1060 Sec. 14. Section 10-16w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1061 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1062 [Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education]  
1063 The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall provide, within available  
1064 appropriations, technical assistance and training to [school readiness  
1065 programs] early childhood providers to assist in the [application of  
1066 preschool curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of  
1067 Education] implementation of the early learning and development  
1068 standards developed by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to  
1069 section 1 of this act.

1070 Sec. 15. Section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1071 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1072 (a) There is established the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet.  
1073 The cabinet shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Early Childhood,  
1074 or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Education, or  
1075 the commissioner's designee, [(2) one representative from the  
1076 Department of Education who is responsible for programs required  
1077 under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et  
1078 seq., as amended from time to time, appointed by the Commissioner of  
1079 Education,] (3) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the  
1080 commissioner's designee, (4) [a representative from an institution of  
1081 higher education in this state appointed by] the president of the Board  
1082 of Regents for Higher Education, or the president's designee, (5) the  
1083 Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (6) the  
1084 Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's  
1085 designee, (7) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
1086 commissioner's designee, (8) the executive director of the Commission  
1087 on Children, or the executive director's designee, (9) the project

1088 director of the Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Office, (10) a  
1089 parent or guardian of a child who attends or attended a school  
1090 readiness program appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
1091 Representatives, (11) a representative of a local provider of early  
1092 childhood education appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,  
1093 (12) a representative of the Connecticut Family Resource Center  
1094 Alliance appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
1095 Representatives, (13) a representative of a state funded child care  
1096 center appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (14) two  
1097 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
1098 whom is a member of [the House of Representatives] a board of  
1099 education for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in  
1100 section 10-262u, and one of whom is a parent who has a child  
1101 attending a school in [a priority school district] an educational reform  
1102 district, as defined in section 10-262u, (15) two appointed by the  
1103 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is [a member of the  
1104 Senate] a representative of an association of early education and child  
1105 care providers and one of whom is a representative of a public  
1106 elementary school with a prekindergarten program, (16) [two] four  
1107 appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of the  
1108 Connecticut Head Start Association, [and] one of whom is a  
1109 representative of the business [or philanthropic] community in this  
1110 state, one of whom is a representative of the philanthropic community  
1111 in this state and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut  
1112 State Employees Association, and (17) the Secretary of the Office of  
1113 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. [The chairperson  
1114 of the council shall be appointed from among its members by the  
1115 Governor.]

1116 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall serve as a  
1117 cochairperson of the cabinet. The other cochairperson of the cabinet  
1118 shall be appointed from among its members by the Governor. The  
1119 cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Members shall not be  
1120 compensated for their services. Any member who fails to attend three  
1121 consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all

1122 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have  
1123 resigned from the cabinet.

1124 [(b)] (c) Within available [appropriations and such private funding  
1125 as may be available] resources, the Early Childhood [Education]  
1126 Cabinet shall (1) [coordinate among state agencies, as well as public  
1127 and private partnerships, the development of services that enhance the  
1128 health, safety and learning of children from birth to nine years of age,  
1129 inclusive] advise the Office of Early Childhood, established pursuant  
1130 to section 1 of this act, (2) not later than December 1, 2009, and  
1131 annually thereafter, develop an annual plan of action that assigns the  
1132 appropriate state agency to complete the tasks specified in the federal  
1133 Head Start Act of 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time to time,  
1134 and (3) not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, submit an  
1135 annual state-wide strategic report, pursuant to said federal Head Start  
1136 Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, addressing the  
1137 progress such agencies have made toward the completion of such tasks  
1138 outlined under said federal Head Start Act and this subsection to the  
1139 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
1140 having cognizance of matters relating to education and human  
1141 services.

1142 [(c)] (d) The Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet shall be within  
1143 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood for  
1144 administrative purposes only.

1145 Sec. 16. Section 10-16aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1147 There is established an account to be known as the competitive  
1148 district grant account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account  
1149 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
1150 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account  
1151 shall be expended by the Commissioner of [Education] Early  
1152 Childhood for the purposes of providing grants to competitive school  
1153 districts to make slots available in [preschool] school readiness

1154 programs. For purposes of this section, "competitive school district"  
1155 means a school district described in [subdivision (1) of] subsection (d)  
1156 of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, that has more than nine  
1157 thousand students enrolled in schools in the district.

1158 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood  
1159 is designated as the state agency for the administration of the child  
1160 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and  
1161 Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

1162 Sec. 18. Section 17b-2 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
1163 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1164 *1, 2014*):

1165 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency  
1166 for the administration of (1) [the child care development block grant  
1167 pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990;  
1168 (2)] the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant to the Low  
1169 Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; [(3)] (2) the state plan for  
1170 vocational rehabilitation services for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
1171 1994; [(4)] (3) the refugee assistance program pursuant to the Refugee  
1172 Act of 1980; [(5)] (4) the legalization impact assistance grant program  
1173 pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; [(6)] (5)  
1174 the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to the  
1175 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
1176 1996; [(7)] (6) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Social  
1177 Security Act; [(8)] (7) the supplemental nutrition assistance program  
1178 pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; [(9)] (8) the state  
1179 supplement to the Supplemental Security Income Program pursuant to  
1180 the Social Security Act; [(10)] (9) the state child support enforcement  
1181 plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; and [(11)] (10)  
1182 the state social services plan for the implementation of the social  
1183 services block grants and community services block grants pursuant to  
1184 the Social Security Act.

1185 Sec. 19. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 17b-705a of the

1186 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1187 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1188 (c) On or after July 1, [2012] 2014, and monthly thereafter, the  
1189 Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall compile a list  
1190 of the names of family child care providers who have participated in  
1191 the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section 17b-  
1192 749, as amended by this act, within the previous six calendar months.  
1193 Such list shall be considered a public record, as defined in section 1-  
1194 200.

1195 (d) For purposes of sections 4-65a and 5-270 and subsection (a) of  
1196 section 5-278, the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early  
1197 Childhood shall be considered an executive branch employer and an  
1198 organization representing family child care providers that has been  
1199 designated by the State Board of Labor Relations, pursuant to section  
1200 5-275 or subsection (g) of this section, as the exclusive bargaining agent  
1201 of such providers, shall have the right to bargain [with the state]  
1202 concerning the terms and conditions of participation of family child  
1203 care providers in the program covered by this section, including, but  
1204 not limited to, (1) state reimbursement rates, (2) benefits, (3) payment  
1205 procedures, (4) contract grievance arbitration, and (5) training,  
1206 professional development and other requirements and opportunities  
1207 appropriate for family child care providers.

1208 (e) (1) If the organization representing family child care providers  
1209 and the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood do  
1210 not reach an agreement not later than one hundred fifty days after  
1211 negotiations have begun, the parties shall jointly select an arbitrator.  
1212 The arbitrator selected shall have experience as an impartial arbitrator  
1213 of labor-management disputes, and shall not be an individual  
1214 employed as an advocate or consultant for labor or management in  
1215 labor-management disputes. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator  
1216 not later than one hundred sixty days after negotiations have begun,  
1217 the selection of the arbitrator shall be made using the procedures  
1218 under the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration

1219 Association.

1220 (2) Each party shall submit to the arbitrator, and to each other, a  
1221 proposal setting forth such party's position on how each of the  
1222 unresolved issues shall be resolved.

1223 (3) The arbitrator shall convene a hearing to allow the parties to  
1224 provide evidence and argument to the arbitrator. The parties shall  
1225 have the right to submit written briefs to the arbitrator. The arbitration  
1226 record shall be officially closed at the close of the hearing, or the  
1227 arbitrator's receipt of briefs, whichever is later.

1228 (4) The arbitrator's authority is limited to selecting the complete  
1229 proposal of one party or the other on any unresolved issue. The  
1230 arbitrator shall issue an award not later than forty-five days after the  
1231 close of the record.

1232 (5) The factors to be considered by the arbitrator in arriving at a  
1233 decision are: (A) The nature and needs of the family child care  
1234 program and the needs and welfare of parents and children served by  
1235 that program, including interests in better recruitment, retention and  
1236 quality with respect to the covered family child care provider; (B) the  
1237 history of negotiations between the parties including those leading to  
1238 the instant proceeding; (C) the existing conditions of employment of  
1239 similar groups of workers; (D) changes in the cost of living; and (E) the  
1240 interests and welfare of the covered family child care providers.

1241 (6) The costs of the arbitrator and any fees associated with the  
1242 arbitration proceeding shall be shared equally by the parties.

1243 (7) Any agreement or award reached pursuant to this section shall  
1244 be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by filing the  
1245 agreement or award with the clerks of the House and Senate. No  
1246 provision of any agreement or award resulting from the collective  
1247 bargaining process which would require supercedence of any law or  
1248 regulation shall take effect without affirmative legislative approval.

1249 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any  
1250 provision in any agreement or award which would require an  
1251 additional appropriation in order to maintain the levels of services  
1252 provided by existing appropriations shall be presented to the General  
1253 Assembly for approval in accordance with the budgetary process  
1254 applicable to appropriations, including, but not limited to, affirmative  
1255 legislative approval. Other provisions of the agreement or award shall  
1256 be deemed approved unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of  
1257 either house not later than thirty days after the filing with the clerk of  
1258 that chamber, provided the thirty-day period shall not begin or expire  
1259 unless the General Assembly is in regular session. Once approved by  
1260 the General Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need  
1261 not be resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part  
1262 of a future agreement approval process unless changes in the language  
1263 of such provision are negotiated by the parties.

1264 Sec. 20. Section 17b-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1265 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1266 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood may accept  
1267 and receive, on behalf of the [Department of Social Services] Office of  
1268 Early Childhood or on behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, established  
1269 pursuant to section 17b-751, as amended by this act, any bequest or gift  
1270 of personal property for services for a person who is, or members of  
1271 whose immediate family are, receiving assistance or services from the  
1272 [Department of Social Services, or both,] office or for services for a  
1273 former recipient of assistance from the Department of Social Services  
1274 or a potential recipient of assistance from the [Department of Social  
1275 Services] office or for programs or services described in section 17b-  
1276 751, as amended by this act. Any federal funds generated by virtue of  
1277 any such bequest or gift may be used for the extension of services to  
1278 such person or family members.

1279 Sec. 21. Section 17b-730 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1280 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):



1281 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood is  
1282 authorized to take advantage of any federal statutes and regulations  
1283 relating to child day care and shall have the power to administer any  
1284 federally-assisted child day care program in the event that [said] such  
1285 federal statutes or regulations require that [said] such federally-  
1286 assisted program be administered by a single state agency.

1287 (b) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood is  
1288 authorized to take advantage of Title V of Public Law 88-452, entitled  
1289 "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964", with respect to providing work  
1290 training, aid and assistance to persons eligible for state-administered  
1291 general assistance or public assistance, and to administer the same in  
1292 such manner as is required for the receipt of federal funds therefor.

1293 Sec. 22. Section 17b-733 of the 2014 supplement to the general  
1294 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1295 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1296 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall  
1297 be the lead agency for child day care services in Connecticut. The  
1298 [department] office shall: (1) Identify, annually, existing child day care  
1299 services and maintain an inventory of all available services; (2) provide  
1300 technical assistance to corporations and private agencies in the  
1301 development and expansion of child day care services for families at  
1302 all income levels, including families of their employees and clients; (3)  
1303 study and identify funding sources available for child day care  
1304 including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and  
1305 availability of liability insurance for child day care providers; (5)  
1306 [provide, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and  
1307 Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care providers  
1308 including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing them to  
1309 cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek private  
1310 donations to fund such training; (6)] encourage child day care services  
1311 to obtain accreditation; [(7)] (6) develop a range of financing options  
1312 for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond  
1313 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving

1314 loan program; [(8)] (7) promote the colocation of child day care and  
1315 school readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; [(9)] (8) establish  
1316 a performance-based evaluation system; [(10)] (9) develop for  
1317 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures  
1318 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support  
1319 expanded child day care services; [(11)] (10) provide, within available  
1320 funds and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance  
1321 program, as defined in section 17b-680, and administered by the  
1322 Department of Social Services, child day care to public assistance  
1323 recipients; [(12)] (11) develop and implement, with the assistance of the  
1324 [Departments of Public Health, Social Services, Education, Higher  
1325 Education, Children and Families, Economic and Community  
1326 Development and Consumer Protection, a state-wide coordinated  
1327 child day care and early childhood education training system (A) for  
1328 child day care centers, group day care homes and family day care  
1329 homes that provide child day care services, and (B)] Early Childhood  
1330 Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as amended by this  
1331 act, a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide early childhood care  
1332 and education system of professional development for providers and  
1333 staff of early childhood care and education programs, including child  
1334 day care centers, group day care homes and family day care homes  
1335 that provide child day care services, that makes available to such  
1336 providers and their staff, within available appropriations, scholarship  
1337 assistance, career counseling and training [,] and advancement in  
1338 career ladders, as defined in section 4-124bb; [, through seamless  
1339 articulation of levels of training, program accreditation support and  
1340 other initiatives recommended by the Departments of Social Services,  
1341 Education and Higher Education; (13)] (12) plan and implement a unit  
1342 cost reimbursement system for state-funded child day care services  
1343 such that, on and after January 1, 2008, any increase in reimbursement  
1344 shall be based on a requirement that such centers meet the staff  
1345 qualifications, as defined in subsection (b) of section 10-16p, as  
1346 amended by this act; [(14)] (13) develop, within available funds,  
1347 initiatives to increase compensation paid to child day care providers  
1348 for educational opportunities, including, but not limited to, (A)

1349 incentives for educational advancement paid to persons employed by  
1350 child day care centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support  
1351 for the establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner  
1352 of apprenticeship programs for child day care workers pursuant to  
1353 sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly  
1354 administered by labor and management trustees; [(15)] (14) evaluate  
1355 the effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision  
1356 [(14)] (13) of this section in improving staff retention rates and the  
1357 quality of education and care provided to children; and [(16)] (15)  
1358 report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, in  
1359 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of child  
1360 day care in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of  
1361 the allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the  
1362 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the  
1363 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;  
1364 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and  
1365 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-  
1366 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and  
1367 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age  
1368 range of children served.

1369 Sec. 23. Section 17b-734 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1371 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall  
1372 establish and administer a program of grants to municipalities and  
1373 state agencies for the purpose of planning, site preparation,  
1374 construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities for use as child care  
1375 facilities to be used primarily by the children of employees of such  
1376 municipalities or state agencies and other potential participants. If  
1377 openings occur for other potential participants in such a child care  
1378 facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below  
1379 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income.

1380 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 17b-735 of the general statutes is  
1381 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

1382 1, 2014):

1383 (a) For the purposes described in section 17b-734, as amended by  
1384 this act, and for the payment of any administrative expenses of the  
1385 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood related  
1386 thereto the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
1387 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
1388 series and principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate six million  
1389 twenty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars, provided  
1390 one million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000.

1391 Sec. 25. Section 17b-736 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1393 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall adopt  
1394 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of  
1395 sections 17b-734 and 17b-735, as amended by this act.

1396 Sec. 26. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1398 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education shall establish a  
1399 program, within available appropriations, to provide grants to  
1400 municipalities, boards of education and child care providers to  
1401 encourage the use of school facilities for the provision of child day care  
1402 services before and after school. In order to qualify for a grant, a  
1403 municipality, board of education or child care provider shall guarantee  
1404 the availability of a school site which meets the standards set on or  
1405 before June 30, 2014, by the Department of Public Health and on and  
1406 after July 1, 2014, by the Office of Early Childhood in regulations  
1407 adopted under sections 19a-77, as amended by this act, 19a-79, as  
1408 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-  
1409 87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall agree to provide  
1410 liability insurance coverage for the program. Grant funds shall be used  
1411 by the municipality, board of education or child care provider for the  
1412 maintenance and utility costs directly attributable to the use of the

1413 school facility for the day care program, for related transportation costs  
1414 and for the portion of the municipality, board of education or child  
1415 care provider liability insurance cost and other operational costs  
1416 directly attributable to the day care program. The municipality or  
1417 board of education may contract with a child day care provider for the  
1418 program. The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education may adopt  
1419 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for  
1420 purposes of this section. The commissioner may utilize available child  
1421 care subsidies to implement the provisions of this section and  
1422 encourage association and cooperation with the Head Start program  
1423 established pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this act.

1424 Sec. 27. Section 17b-738 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1425 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1426 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall  
1427 establish and administer a program of loans to business firms, as  
1428 defined in subsection (a) of section 12-631, for the purpose of planning,  
1429 site preparation, construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities,  
1430 within the state, for use as licensed child day care centers, family day  
1431 care homes or group day care homes to be used primarily by the  
1432 children of employees of such corporations and children of employees  
1433 of the municipalities in which such facilities are located. Such loans  
1434 shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions as provided  
1435 in regulations adopted by the [Commissioner of Social Services]  
1436 commissioner, in accordance with chapter 54, shall be made for a  
1437 period not to exceed five years and shall bear interest at a rate to be  
1438 determined in accordance with subsection (t) of section 3-20.

1439 Sec. 28. Section 17b-739 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1440 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1441 Whenever the state (1) constructs, acquires or receives as a gift any  
1442 office building which accommodates three hundred or more state  
1443 employees, or (2) alters, repairs or makes additions to an existing state  
1444 building which accommodates three hundred or more employees and

1445 such alterations, repairs or additions affect at least twenty-five per cent  
1446 of the square footage of such building, the Department of  
1447 Administrative Services shall notify the [Department of Social  
1448 Services] Office of Early Childhood. The [Department of Social  
1449 Services] office, with the assistance of the Department of  
1450 Administrative Services, shall determine the need for child care  
1451 services for the employees in such building and other potential  
1452 participants. If a demonstrated need for child care exists for thirty or  
1453 more children of such employees and other potential participants and  
1454 such care is unavailable, the Department of Administrative Services  
1455 shall set aside adequate space for child care facilities in such building.  
1456 If openings occur for other potential participants in such a child care  
1457 facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below  
1458 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income. Such facilities shall  
1459 meet all state licensure requirements. The provisions of this section  
1460 shall not apply to correctional institutions.

1461 Sec. 29. Section 17b-749 of the 2014 supplement to the general  
1462 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1463 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1464 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall  
1465 establish and operate a child care subsidy program to increase the  
1466 availability, affordability and quality of child care services for families  
1467 with a parent or caretaker who is working, attending high school or  
1468 who receives cash assistance under the temporary family assistance  
1469 program from the Department of Social Services and is participating in  
1470 an approved education, training, or other job preparation activity.  
1471 Services available under the child care program shall include the  
1472 provision of child care subsidies for children under the age of thirteen  
1473 or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The  
1474 [department] Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain  
1475 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer  
1476 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The  
1477 [department] office shall issue a notice on the [department's] office's

1478 Internet web site and shall provide written notice to recipients of  
1479 program benefits and to service providers any time the [department]  
1480 office closes the program to new applications, changes eligibility  
1481 requirements, changes program benefits or makes any other change to  
1482 the program's status or terms, provided the [department] office shall  
1483 not be required to issue such notice when the [department] office  
1484 expands program eligibility. Any change in the [department's] office's  
1485 acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements, program  
1486 benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms for which  
1487 the [department] office is required to give notice pursuant to this  
1488 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the  
1489 [department] office issues such notice.

1490 (b) The commissioner shall establish income standards for  
1491 applicants and recipients at a level to include a family with gross  
1492 income up to fifty per cent of the state-wide median income, except the  
1493 commissioner (1) may increase the income level to up to seventy-five  
1494 per cent of the state-wide median income, (2) upon the request of the  
1495 Commissioner of Children and Families, may waive the income  
1496 standards for adoptive families so that children adopted on or after  
1497 October 1, 1999, from the Department of Children and Families are  
1498 eligible for the child care subsidy program, and (3) on and after March  
1499 1, 2003, shall reduce the income eligibility level to up to fifty-five per  
1500 cent of the state-wide median income for applicants and recipients  
1501 who qualify based on their loss of eligibility for temporary family  
1502 assistance. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance  
1503 with chapter 54 to establish income criteria and durational  
1504 requirements for such waiver of income standards.

1505 (c) The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
1506 Social Services, shall establish eligibility and program standards  
1507 including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and eligibility  
1508 system with preference given to serving recipients of temporary family  
1509 assistance who are employed or engaged in employment activities  
1510 under the [department's] Department of Social Services' "Jobs First"

1511 program, working families whose temporary family assistance was  
1512 discontinued not more than five years prior to the date of application  
1513 for the child care subsidy program, teen parents, low-income working  
1514 families, adoptive families of children who were adopted from the  
1515 Department of Children and Families and who are granted a waiver of  
1516 income standards under subdivision (2) of subsection (b), and working  
1517 families who are at risk of welfare dependency; (2) health and safety  
1518 standards for child care providers not required to be licensed; (3) a  
1519 reimbursement system for child care services which account for  
1520 differences in the age of the child, number of children in the family, the  
1521 geographic region and type of care provided by licensed and  
1522 unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of services provided by  
1523 licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful completion of fifteen  
1524 hours of annual in-service training or credentialing of child care  
1525 directors and administrators, and program accreditation; (4)  
1526 supplemental payment for special needs of the child and extended  
1527 nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process for providers  
1528 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which  
1529 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding  
1530 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative  
1531 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate  
1532 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover  
1533 overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and payment  
1534 eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care subsidy  
1535 experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other  
1536 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy  
1537 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in  
1538 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with  
1539 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be  
1540 issued annually by the [Department of Social Services] office to the  
1541 Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with [subdivision  
1542 (10) of] section 17b-733, as amended by this act. Such action will  
1543 include, but not be limited to, family income, age of child, region of  
1544 state and length of time on such waiting list.



1545 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 2011, an applicant determined to be  
1546 eligible for program benefits shall remain eligible for such benefits for  
1547 a period of not less than eight months from the date that such  
1548 applicant is determined to be eligible, provided the [commissioner]  
1549 Commissioner of Social Services has not determined, during such  
1550 eight-month period, that the applicant's circumstances have changed  
1551 so as to render the applicant ineligible for program benefits. The  
1552 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall not make an  
1553 eligibility determination for a recipient of program benefits more than  
1554 one time per eight-month period, except as provided in subsection (f)  
1555 of this section.

1556 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Early Childhood  
1557 shall succeed the Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of  
1558 making the eligibility determinations pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
1559 this subsection.

1560 (e) Within available appropriations, a recipient of program benefits  
1561 who takes unpaid leave from such recipient's employment due to the  
1562 birth or impending birth of a child shall be granted not more than six  
1563 weeks of payment eligibility during the leave if: (1) The recipient  
1564 intends to return to work at the end of the unpaid leave; (2) the  
1565 recipient verifies that eligibility is needed to prevent the loss of a slot  
1566 in a school-based program or licensed child care setting; and (3) the  
1567 child receiving child care services under the program continues to  
1568 attend the program during the recipient's leave.

1569 (f) (1) Not later than October 15, 2011, the [commissioner]  
1570 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance  
1571 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of  
1572 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
1573 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
1574 concerning eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis.  
1575 Such report shall include an analysis of overpayments of program  
1576 benefits made by the [department] Department of Social Services and  
1577 administrative costs incurred by the department as a result of

1578 eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and  
1579 after October 15, 2011, and until June 30, 2014, the [commissioner]  
1580 Commissioner of Social Services may make eligibility redeterminations  
1581 on a six-month basis if, after January 1, 2011, the department's  
1582 overpayments of program benefits have increased in comparison with  
1583 the period between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010, as a result  
1584 of having an eight-month eligibility redetermination period.

1585 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the  
1586 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall submit a report, in accordance  
1587 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of  
1588 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
1589 services and appropriations concerning eligibility redeterminations  
1590 made on an eight-month basis. Such report shall include an analysis of  
1591 overpayments of program benefits made by the office and  
1592 administrative costs incurred by the office as a result of eligibility  
1593 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and after July 1,  
1594 2014, the commissioner may make eligibility redeterminations on a six-  
1595 month basis if the office's overpayments of program benefits have  
1596 increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010, and  
1597 December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility  
1598 redetermination period.

1599 (g) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies  
1600 for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care  
1601 services for recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such  
1602 services until informed by the [Department of Social Services] office of  
1603 the recipient's ineligibility.

1604 (h) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt  
1605 from licensing shall provide the [Department of Social Services] office  
1606 with the following information in order to maintain eligibility for  
1607 reimbursement: (1) The name, address, appropriate identification,  
1608 Social Security number and telephone number of the provider and all  
1609 adults who work for or reside at the location where care is provided;  
1610 (2) the name and address of the child's doctor, primary care provider

1611 and health insurance company; (3) whether the child is immunized  
1612 and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early and Periodic  
1613 Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program under 42 USC  
1614 1396d; and (4) the number of children cared for by the provider.

1615 (i) On or after [January 1, 1998] July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall  
1616 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1617 implement the provisions of this section.

1618 (j) The commissioner shall submit to the joint standing committees  
1619 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1620 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a  
1621 copy of the Child Care and Development Fund Plan that the  
1622 commissioner submits to the Administration for Children and Families  
1623 pursuant to federal law. The copy of the plan shall be submitted to the  
1624 committees not later than thirty days after submission of the plan to  
1625 the Administration for Children and Families.

1626 Sec. 30. Section 17b-749a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1627 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1628 (a) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood shall  
1629 establish, within available appropriations, a program to (1) purchase  
1630 directly or provide subsidies to parents to purchase child day care  
1631 services provided by any elementary or secondary school, nursery  
1632 school, preschool, day care center, group day care home, family day  
1633 care home, family resource center, Head Start program, or local or  
1634 regional board of education, provided, if the commissioner purchases  
1635 such services directly, he or she shall give preference to purchasing  
1636 from providers of full-day and year-round programs; and (2) award  
1637 grants to providers of school readiness programs, as defined in section  
1638 10-16p, as amended by this act, to increase the hours of operation of  
1639 their programs in order to provide child care for children attending  
1640 such programs. The commissioner, for purposes of subdivision (1) of  
1641 this subsection, may model the program on the program established  
1642 pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act.

1643 (b) No funds received by a provider pursuant to this section shall be  
1644 used to supplant federal funding received for early childhood  
1645 education on behalf of children in an early childhood education  
1646 program.

1647 (c) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner shall: (1)  
1648 Coordinate the development of a range of alternative programs to  
1649 meet the needs of all children; (2) foster partnerships between school  
1650 districts and private organizations; (3) provide information and  
1651 assistance to parents in selecting an appropriate school readiness  
1652 program; and (4) work to ensure, to the extent possible, that school  
1653 readiness programs allow open enrollment for all children and allow  
1654 families receiving benefits for such a program to choose a public or  
1655 accredited private program.

1656 Sec. 31. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17b-749c of the general  
1657 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1658 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1659 (a) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood shall  
1660 establish a program, within available appropriations, to provide, on a  
1661 competitive basis, supplemental quality enhancement grants to  
1662 providers of child day care services or providers of school readiness  
1663 programs pursuant to section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and  
1664 section 10-16u, as amended by this act. Child day care providers and  
1665 school readiness programs may apply for a supplemental quality  
1666 enhancement grant at such time and on such form as the  
1667 [Commissioner of Education] commissioner prescribes. Effective July  
1668 1, [2011] 2014, the commissioner shall make funds payable to providers  
1669 under such grants on a prospective basis.

1670 (b) Priority for such grants shall be given to programs that are: (1)  
1671 Included in a local school readiness plan; (2) full-day, year-round  
1672 programs; and (3) accredited, as defined in subdivision (4) of  
1673 subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1674 Sec. 32. Section 17b-749d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1675 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1676 Each licensed child day care provider receiving funding directly  
1677 from the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood  
1678 shall adopt a sliding fee scale based on family income. The  
1679 Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall develop a  
1680 minimum sliding fee scale which may be adjusted upward by each  
1681 such licensed day care program. All income derived from such fees  
1682 shall be used to support the child day care program.

1683 Sec. 33. Section 17b-749e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1684 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1685 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall  
1686 establish and fund five regional accreditation projects, within available  
1687 appropriations. The [department] office shall select qualified  
1688 applicants for each region through a request for proposal process. The  
1689 [department] office shall give priority to child day care facilities where  
1690 at least twenty per cent of the children live with families earning less  
1691 than seventy-five per cent of the state median income level.

1692 Sec. 34. Section 17b-749f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1693 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1694 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services, in consultation with the  
1695 Commissioner of Education,] Early Childhood shall develop and  
1696 implement a performance-based evaluation system to evaluate  
1697 licensed child day care centers, within available appropriations. Such a  
1698 performance-based evaluation system shall be similar to the Head  
1699 Start Performance Standards in 45 CFR 1304.

1700 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall  
1701 conduct, within available appropriations, a longitudinal study that  
1702 examines the developmental progress of children and their families  
1703 both during and following participation in a child day care program.

1704 (c) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall report  
1705 to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, on or  
1706 before January 1, [1998] 2015, on the implementation of the  
1707 performance-based evaluation system and on the longitudinal study,  
1708 and annually thereafter on the cumulative results of the evaluations.

1709 Sec. 35. Section 17b-749g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1710 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1711 (a) There is established a child care facilities loan guarantee  
1712 program for the purpose of guaranteeing loans for the expansion or  
1713 development of child care and child development centers in the state.  
1714 The program shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
1715 deposited in the program, including, but not limited to, any moneys  
1716 appropriated by the state, premiums and fees for guaranteeing loans,  
1717 and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of collateral  
1718 relating to loan guarantees. Any balance remaining in the program at  
1719 the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the program for  
1720 the fiscal year next succeeding. The program shall be used to guarantee  
1721 loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and to pay reasonable  
1722 and necessary expenses incurred for administration under this section.  
1723 The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may enter into a  
1724 contract with a quasi-public agency, banking institution or nonprofit  
1725 corporation to provide for the administration of the program, provided  
1726 no loan guarantee shall be made from the program without the  
1727 authorization of the commissioner as provided in subsection (b) of this  
1728 section. The total aggregate amount of guarantees from the program,  
1729 with respect to the insured portions of the loan, may not exceed at any  
1730 one time an amount equal to three times the balance in the guarantee  
1731 program.

1732 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of  
1733 Education] commissioner, may guarantee the repayment of loans,  
1734 including, but not limited to, principal and interest, to a lending  
1735 institution that has provided funding for the construction,  
1736 reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of child care and child

development facilities. The total aggregate of any loan guarantee under this section shall be not less than twenty per cent and shall not exceed fifty per cent of the principal amount of the obligation, as determined by approved underwriting standards approved by the commissioner, and upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner may prescribe. The term of any loan guarantee shall be determined by the useful life of the improvement but in no event shall exceed thirty years. The commissioner shall arrange by contract with each lending institution or the borrower to safeguard the interests of the program in the event of a default by the borrower, including, at the discretion of the commissioner, provision for notice to the program of default by the borrower, for foreclosure or other realization upon any security for the loan, for the time and conditions for payment to the lending institution by the program of the amount of any loss to the lending institution guaranteed by the program and for the disposition of the proceeds realized from any security for the loan guaranteed. When it appears desirable for a temporary period upon default or threatened default by the borrower, the commissioner may authorize payments of installments of principal or interest, or both, from the program to the lending institution, and of taxes and insurance, which payments shall be repaid under such conditions as the program may prescribe and the program may also agree to revise terms of financing when such appears pertinent. Upon request of the lending institution, the commissioner may at any time, under such equitable terms and conditions as it may prescribe, consent to the release of the borrower from his liability under the loan or consent to the release of parts of any secured property from the lien of the lending institution.

(c) Priority for loan guarantees shall be given to financing child care centers and child development centers that (1) have obtained accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children or have an application pending for such accreditation, and (2) are included in a local school readiness plan, and (3) shall promote the colocation of programs endorsed by the [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] commissioner pursuant to section 4b-

1771 31. School readiness programs, licensed child care providers or  
1772 nonprofit developers of a child care center operating under a legally  
1773 enforceable agreement with child care providers are eligible for such  
1774 guaranteed loans.

1775 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt  
1776 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1777 establish procedures and qualifications for application for guarantees  
1778 under this section.

1779 Sec. 36. Section 17b-749h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1780 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1781 (a) There is established a program to be known as the "child care  
1782 facilities direct revolving loan program". The program shall contain  
1783 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the program,  
1784 including, but not limited to, any moneys appropriated by the state,  
1785 premiums, fees, interest payments and principal payments on direct  
1786 loans and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of  
1787 collateral relating to direct loans. Any balance remaining in the  
1788 program at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the  
1789 program for the next succeeding fiscal year. The program shall be used  
1790 to make loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to make loan  
1791 guarantees and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in  
1792 administering loans and loan guarantees under this section. The  
1793 Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may enter into a  
1794 contract with a quasi-public agency, banking institution or nonprofit  
1795 corporation to provide for the administration of the loan program,  
1796 provided no loan or loan guarantee shall be made from the fund  
1797 without the authorization of the commissioner as provided in  
1798 subsection (b) of this section.

1799 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of  
1800 Education] commissioner, may enter into a contract to provide  
1801 financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans, deferred loans or  
1802 guaranteed loans to child care providers or to nonprofit developers of



1803 a child care facility operating under a legally enforceable agreement  
1804 with a child care provider, for costs or expenses incurred and directly  
1805 connected with the expansion, improvement or development of child  
1806 care facilities. Such costs and expenses may include: (1) Advances of  
1807 loan proceeds for direct loans; (2) expenses incurred in project  
1808 planning and design, including architectural expenses; (3) legal and  
1809 financial expenses; (4) expenses incurred in obtaining required permits  
1810 and approvals; (5) options to purchase land; (6) expenses incurred in  
1811 obtaining required insurance; (7) expenses incurred in meeting state  
1812 and local child care standards; (8) minor renovations and upgrading  
1813 child care facilities to meet such standards and loans for the purpose of  
1814 obtaining licensure under section 19a-77, as amended by this act; (9)  
1815 purchase and installation of equipment, machinery and furniture,  
1816 including equipment needed to accommodate children with special  
1817 needs; and (10) other preliminary expenses authorized by the  
1818 commissioner. Loan proceeds shall not be used for the refinancing of  
1819 existing loans, working capital, supplies or inventory.

1820 (c) The amount of a direct loan under this section may be up to  
1821 eighty per cent of the total amount of investment but shall not exceed  
1822 twenty-five thousand dollars for such facility as determined by the  
1823 commissioner except [that] if an applicant for a loan under this section  
1824 has an existing loan that is guaranteed by the child care facilities loan  
1825 guarantee program, established under section 17b-749g, as amended  
1826 by this act, the direct loan provided under this section shall not exceed  
1827 twenty per cent of the investment. The amount of any guarantee and a  
1828 direct loan under this section shall not exceed eighty per cent.

1829 (d) Each provider applying for a loan under this section shall submit  
1830 an application, on a form provided by the commissioner that shall  
1831 include, but is not limited to, the following information: (1) A detailed  
1832 description of the proposed or existing child care facility; (2) an  
1833 itemization of known and estimated costs; (3) the total amount of  
1834 investment required to expand or develop the child care facility; (4) the  
1835 funds available to the applicant without financial assistance from the

1836 [department] office; (5) the amount of financial assistance sought from  
1837 the [department] office; (6) information relating to the financial status  
1838 of the applicant, including, if available, a current balance sheet, a profit  
1839 and loss statement and credit references; and (7) evidence that the loan  
1840 applicant shall, as of the loan closing, own, have an option to purchase  
1841 or have a lease for the term of the loan. Security for the loan may  
1842 include an assignment of the lease or other subordination of any  
1843 mortgage and the borrower shall be in default if the loan is not used  
1844 for the intended purpose.

1845 (e) Payments of principal and interest on such loans shall be paid to  
1846 the State Treasurer for deposit in the child care facilities direct  
1847 revolving loan program established in subsection (a) of this section.

1848 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt  
1849 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions  
1850 of this section. Such regulations may clarify loan procedures,  
1851 repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedy  
1852 provisions, and such other terms and conditions as [said] the  
1853 commissioner shall deem appropriate.

1854 Sec. 37. Section 17b-749i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1855 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1856 Within appropriations available to the State Treasurer for child care  
1857 facilities, not already allocated toward debt service for specific child  
1858 care facilities, the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may,  
1859 upon submission of a request by a facility operating a child care  
1860 program that is financed with tax-exempt or taxable bonds issued  
1861 through the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority,  
1862 allow actual debt service, comprised of principal, interest and  
1863 premium, if any, on the loan or loans, a debt service reserve fund and a  
1864 reasonable repair and replacement reserve to be paid, provided such  
1865 debt service terms and amounts are determined by the commissioner,  
1866 at the time the loan is entered into, to be reasonable in relation to the  
1867 useful life and base value of the property.

1868 Sec. 38. Section 17b-749j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1869 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1870 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall  
1871 establish health and safety standards, within available appropriations,  
1872 for the child care subsidy program. The commissioner shall adopt  
1873 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, which shall include, but not  
1874 be limited to, the following: (1) A requirement for the provider or  
1875 relative to apply for reimbursement from the [Department of Social  
1876 Services] Office of Early Childhood; (2) a requirement for the provider  
1877 or relative to provide reasonable confirmation of physical premises  
1878 safety pursuant to 45 CFR Part 98.41; and (3) minimum health and  
1879 safety training appropriate to the provider setting and the prevention  
1880 and control of infectious diseases, including immunization. The  
1881 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, distribute  
1882 information on the availability of health and safety training and  
1883 assistance.

1884 Sec. 39. Section 17b-749k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1885 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1886 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall,  
1887 within available appropriations, require any person, other than a  
1888 relative, providing child care services to a child in the child's home  
1889 who receives a child care subsidy from the [Department of Social  
1890 Services] Office of Early Childhood to submit to state and national  
1891 criminal history records checks. The criminal history records checks  
1892 required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance  
1893 with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the  
1894 state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.

1895 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall have  
1896 the discretion to refuse payments for child care under any financial  
1897 assistance program administered by him or her if the person providing  
1898 such child care has been convicted in this state or any other state of a  
1899 felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the use, attempted use

1900 or threatened use of physical force against another person, of cruelty to  
1901 persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing  
1902 morals of children under section 53-21, abandonment of children  
1903 under the age of six years under section 53-23 or any felony where the  
1904 victim of the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or of a  
1905 violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or  
1906 53a-73a, or has a criminal record or was the subject of a substantiated  
1907 report of child abuse in this state or any other state that the  
1908 commissioner reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to  
1909 provide child care.

1910 Sec. 40. Section 17b-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1911 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1912 No child care subsidy shall be paid to an unlicensed child care  
1913 provider if such provider has been convicted of any crime involving  
1914 sexual assault of a minor or serious physical injury to a minor or any  
1915 crime committed in any other state or jurisdiction the essential  
1916 elements of which are substantially the same as such crimes. If the  
1917 [commissioner] Commissioner of Early Childhood has reason to  
1918 believe that a provider of child care services has been so convicted, the  
1919 commissioner may demand that such provider be subject to state and  
1920 national criminal history records checks. If criminal history records  
1921 checks are required pursuant to this section, such checks shall be  
1922 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

1923 Sec. 41. Section 17b-751 of the 2014 supplement to the general  
1924 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1925 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1926 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of  
1927 which shall be used by the Commissioner of [Social Services] Early  
1928 Childhood to fund programs aimed at preventing child abuse and  
1929 neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is intended to be in  
1930 addition to those resources that would otherwise be appropriated by  
1931 the state for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect

1932 and family resource programs. The commissioner may apply for and  
1933 accept any federal funds which are available for a Children's Trust  
1934 Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner required by  
1935 federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and gifts made  
1936 pursuant to section 17a-18. The commissioner may solicit and accept  
1937 funds, on behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the  
1938 prevention of child abuse and neglect and family resource programs.  
1939 The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall adopt  
1940 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1941 administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements for programs  
1942 seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive funds from the  
1943 Children's Trust Fund.

1944 (b) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the  
1945 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
1946 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the  
1947 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
1948 services, public health and education concerning the source and  
1949 amount of funds received by the Children's Trust Fund, and the  
1950 manner in which such funds were administered and disbursed.

1951 Sec. 42. Section 17b-751d of the 2014 supplement to the general  
1952 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1953 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1954 [(a) The Department of Social Services] The Office of Early  
1955 Childhood shall be the lead state agency for community-based,  
1956 prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen  
1957 and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect. The  
1958 responsibilities of the [department] office shall include, but not be  
1959 limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools  
1960 and community service organizations, to: (1) Initiate programs to  
1961 support families at risk for child abuse or neglect; (2) assist  
1962 organizations to recognize child abuse and neglect; (3) encourage  
1963 community safety; (4) increase broad-based efforts to prevent child  
1964 abuse and neglect; (5) create a network of agencies to advance child

1965 abuse and neglect prevention; and (6) increase public awareness of  
1966 child abuse and neglect issues. The [department] office, subject to  
1967 available state, federal and private funding, shall be responsible for  
1968 implementing and maintaining programs and services, including, but  
1969 not limited to: (A) The Nurturing Families Network, established  
1970 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) Family  
1971 Empowerment Initiative programs; (C) Help Me Grow; (D) [the  
1972 Kinship Fund and Grandparent's Respite Fund; (E)] Family School  
1973 Connection; [(F)] (E) support services for residents of a respite group  
1974 home for girls; [(G)] legal services on behalf of indigent children; (H)]  
1975 (E) volunteer services; [(I)] (G) family development training; [(J)] (H)  
1976 shaken baby syndrome prevention; and [(K)] (I) child sexual abuse  
1977 prevention.

1978 [(b) Not later than sixty days after October 5, 2009, the  
1979 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with  
1980 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
1981 Assembly, having cognizance of matters relating to human services  
1982 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the  
1983 integration of the duties described in subsection (a) of this section into  
1984 the department.]

1985 Sec. 43. Section 17b-751e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1986 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1987 Any order, regulation or contract of the Children's Trust Fund  
1988 Council agency or the Department of Social Services that is in force on  
1989 [September 1, 2009] July 1, 2014, shall continue in force and effect as an  
1990 order, regulation or contract of the [Department of Social Services]  
1991 Office of Early Childhood until amended, repealed or superseded  
1992 pursuant to law.

1993 Sec. 44. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the  
1994 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
1995 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1996 (11) The [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood  
1997 for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care  
1998 for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, as  
1999 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, or 19a-87b, as  
2000 amended by this act; (B) determining the suitability of such person for  
2001 licensure; or (C) an investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-  
2002 80f, as amended by this act;

2003 Sec. 45. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2004 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2005 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by  
2006 this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this  
2007 act, "child day care services" shall include:

2008 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of  
2009 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children  
2010 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

2011 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of  
2012 supplementary care (A) to not less than seven or more than twelve  
2013 related or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the  
2014 definition of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility  
2015 other than a private family home;

2016 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family  
2017 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's  
2018 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for  
2019 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-  
2020 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis  
2021 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not  
2022 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for  
2023 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the  
2024 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are  
2025 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be  
2026 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children

2027 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be  
2028 permitted;

2029 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours  
2030 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

2031 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty  
2032 weeks per year.

2033 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall  
2034 not include such services which are:

2035 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered  
2036 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school  
2037 building;

2038 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with  
2039 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is  
2040 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
2041 Education;

2042 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than  
2043 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer  
2044 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two  
2045 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports  
2046 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs  
2047 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

2048 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal  
2049 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the  
2050 relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood  
2051 or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child,  
2052 grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or  
2053 uncle;

2054 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or  
2055 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently



2056 where the parents are on the premises;

2057 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail  
2058 establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child  
2059 for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care  
2060 operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child  
2061 day care center;

2062 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'  
2063 and girls' club;

2064 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious  
2065 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians  
2066 are members of such religious institution;

2067 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based  
2068 nonprofit youth development and environmental education  
2069 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal  
2070 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs  
2071 are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
2072 Childhood to provide child day care services;

2073 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with  
2074 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that  
2075 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of  
2076 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

2077 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-  
2078 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age  
2079 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents  
2080 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such  
2081 programs are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office  
2082 of Early Childhood to provide child day care services.

2083 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined  
2084 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional  
2085 registration or license to provide any such services at the same facility.

2086 (d) When a licensee has vacated premises approved by the  
2087 [department] office for the provision of child day care services and the  
2088 landlord of such licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the  
2089 [department] office that such licensee has no legal right or interest to  
2090 such approved premises, the [department] office may make a  
2091 determination with respect to an application for a new license for the  
2092 provision of child day care services at such premises.

2093 Sec. 46. Section 19a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2094 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2095 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall  
2096 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
2097 carry out the purposes of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as  
2098 amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by  
2099 this act, and to assure that child day care centers and group day care  
2100 homes shall meet the health, educational and social needs of children  
2101 utilizing such child day care centers and group day care homes. Such  
2102 regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to attend any  
2103 child day care center or group day care home, each child shall be  
2104 protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against  
2105 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,  
2106 hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the  
2107 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f,  
2108 including appropriate exemptions for children for whom such  
2109 immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose  
2110 parents object to such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify  
2111 conditions under which child day care center directors and teachers  
2112 and group day care home providers may administer tests to monitor  
2113 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and  
2114 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs  
2115 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving  
2116 child day care services at such child day care center or group day care  
2117 home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice  
2118 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or

2119 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to  
2120 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant  
2121 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written  
2122 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an  
2123 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed  
2124 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after  
2125 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall  
2126 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor  
2127 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's  
2128 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,  
2129 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the  
2130 activities of the children, (4) specify that a child day care center or  
2131 group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide  
2132 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, (5)  
2133 establish appropriate child day care center staffing requirements for  
2134 employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American  
2135 Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety  
2136 Council, American Safety and Health Institute or Medic First Aid  
2137 International, Inc., (6) specify that on and after January 1, 2003, a child  
2138 day care center or group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a  
2139 child on the basis of a child's known or suspected allergy or because a  
2140 child has a prescription for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or  
2141 similar automatic injectable equipment used to treat an allergic  
2142 reaction, or for injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, (B)  
2143 shall, not later than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a  
2144 center or home, have staff trained in the use of such equipment on-site  
2145 during all hours when such a child is on-site, (C) shall require such  
2146 child's parent or guardian to provide the injector or injectable  
2147 equipment and a copy of the prescription for such medication and  
2148 injector or injectable equipment upon enrollment of such child, and (D)  
2149 shall require a parent or guardian enrolling such a child to replace  
2150 such medication and equipment prior to its expiration date, and (7)  
2151 specify that on and after January 1, 2005, a child day care center or  
2152 group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis  
2153 of a child's diagnosis of asthma or because a child has a prescription

2154 for an inhalant medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than  
2155 three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home,  
2156 have staff trained in the administration of such medication on-site  
2157 during all hours when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical  
2158 plant requirements for licensed child day care centers and licensed  
2159 group day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children.  
2160 When establishing such requirements, the [department] Office of Early  
2161 Childhood shall give consideration to child day care centers and group  
2162 day care homes that are located in private or public school buildings.  
2163 With respect to this subdivision only, the commissioner shall  
2164 implement policies and procedures necessary to implement the  
2165 physical plant requirements established pursuant to this subdivision  
2166 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in  
2167 regulation form. Until replaced by policies and procedures  
2168 implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical plant  
2169 requirement specified in the [department's] office's regulations that is  
2170 generally applicable to child day care centers and group day care  
2171 homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and group day  
2172 care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The  
2173 commissioner shall print notice of the intent to adopt regulations  
2174 pursuant to this subdivision in the Connecticut Law Journal not later  
2175 than twenty days after the date of implementation of such policies and  
2176 procedures. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this  
2177 subdivision shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

2178 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner may adopt  
2179 regulations, pursuant to chapter 54, to establish civil penalties of not  
2180 more than one hundred dollars per day for each day of violation and  
2181 other disciplinary remedies that may be imposed, following a  
2182 contested-case hearing, upon the holder of a license issued under  
2183 section 19a-80, as amended by this act, to operate a child day care  
2184 center or group day care home or upon the holder of a license issued  
2185 under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, to operate a family day  
2186 care home.

2187 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall exempt  
2188 Montessori schools accredited by the American Montessori Society or  
2189 the Association Montessori Internationale from any provision in  
2190 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which  
2191 sets requirements on group size or child to staff ratios or the provision  
2192 of cots.

2193 Sec. 47. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2194 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2195 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
2196 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
2197 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued  
2198 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by  
2199 this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.  
2200 Applications for such license shall be made to the Commissioner of  
2201 [Public Health] Early Childhood on forms provided by the  
2202 commissioner and shall contain the information required by  
2203 regulations adopted under said sections. The forms shall contain a  
2204 notice that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance  
2205 with section 53a-157b.

2206 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the  
2207 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall issue such license  
2208 if, upon inspection and investigation, said commissioner finds that the  
2209 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational  
2210 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or  
2211 group day care home and comply with requirements established by  
2212 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as  
2213 amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as  
2214 amended by this act. The commissioner shall offer an expedited  
2215 application review process for an application submitted by a municipal  
2216 agency or department. The commissioner shall have discretion to  
2217 determine whether a change of operator, ownership or location request  
2218 from a currently licensed person or entity, as described in subsection  
2219 (a) of this section, shall require the filing of a new license application

2220 from such person or entity. Each license shall be for a term of four  
2221 years, shall be nontransferable, and may be renewed upon receipt by  
2222 the commissioner of a renewal application and accompanying  
2223 licensure fee. The commissioner may suspend or revoke such license  
2224 after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in section  
2225 19a-84, as amended by this act, for violation of the regulations adopted  
2226 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and  
2227 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.

2228 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall collect  
2229 from the licensee of a day care center a fee of five hundred dollars  
2230 prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. The  
2231 commissioner shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home  
2232 a fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license  
2233 for a term of four years. The commissioner shall require only one  
2234 license for a child day care center operated in two or more buildings,  
2235 provided the same licensee provides child day care services in each  
2236 building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous  
2237 playground that is part of the licensed space.

2238 (3) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall make  
2239 an unannounced visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed  
2240 child day care center and group day care home at least once each year.  
2241 At least once every two years, the local health director, or the local  
2242 health director's designee, shall make an inspection of each licensed  
2243 child day care center and group day care home.

2244 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within  
2245 available appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a  
2246 child day care center or group day care home in a position requiring  
2247 the provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal  
2248 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required  
2249 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with  
2250 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state  
2251 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant  
2252 to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, the

2253 Department of Social Services may agree to transfer funds  
2254 appropriated for criminal history records checks to the [Department of  
2255 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The commissioner shall  
2256 notify each licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

2257 (d) The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain  
2258 language summary provided not later than sixty days after the  
2259 regulation's effective date, of new or changed regulations adopted  
2260 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, or  
2261 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, with  
2262 which a licensee must comply.

2263 Sec. 48. Section 19a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2265 (a) As used in this section, "facility" means a child day care center, a  
2266 group day care home and a family day care home, as defined in section  
2267 19a-77, as amended by this act, and a youth camp, as defined in section  
2268 19a-420.

2269 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
2270 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's  
2271 designee, shall provide to the [Department of Public Health] Office of  
2272 Early Childhood all records concerning reports and investigations of  
2273 child abuse or neglect that have been reported to, or are being  
2274 investigated by, the Department of Children and Families pursuant to  
2275 section 17a-101g, including records of any administrative hearing held  
2276 pursuant to section 17a-101k: (1) Occurring at any facility, and (2) by  
2277 any staff member or licensee of any facility and by any household  
2278 member of any family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as  
2279 amended by this act, irrespective of where the abuse or neglect  
2280 occurred.

2281 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the [Department  
2282 of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood shall jointly investigate  
2283 reports of abuse or neglect occurring at any facility. All information,

2284 records and reports concerning such investigation shall be shared  
2285 between agencies as part of the investigative process.

2286 (d) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall  
2287 compile a listing of allegations of violations that have been  
2288 substantiated by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
2289 Childhood concerning a facility during the prior three-year period. The  
2290 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall disclose  
2291 information contained in the listing to any person who requests it,  
2292 provided the information may be disclosed pursuant to sections 17a-  
2293 101g and 17a-101k and does not identify children or family members  
2294 of those children.

2295 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the  
2296 Commissioner of Children and Families has made a finding  
2297 substantiating abuse or neglect: (1) That occurred at a facility, or (2) by  
2298 any staff member or licensee of any facility, or by any household  
2299 member of any family day care home and such finding is included on  
2300 the state child abuse or neglect registry, maintained by the Department  
2301 of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101k, such finding  
2302 may be included in the listing compiled by the [Department of Public  
2303 Health] Office of Early Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
2304 section and may be disclosed to the public by the [Department of  
2305 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.

2306 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the  
2307 Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-101j,  
2308 has notified the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
2309 Childhood of a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect at a  
2310 facility and if such child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves (1) the  
2311 death of a child; (2) the risk of serious physical injury or emotional  
2312 harm of a child; (3) the serious physical harm of a child; (4) the arrest  
2313 of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child; (5) a petition filed by the  
2314 Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-112 or  
2315 46b-129; or (6) sexual abuse of a child, the Commissioner of [Public  
2316 Health] Early Childhood may include such finding of child abuse or



2317 neglect in the listing under subsection (d) of this section and may  
2318 disclose such finding to the public. The Commissioner of Children and  
2319 Families, or the commissioner's designee, shall immediately notify the  
2320 Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood when such child  
2321 abuse or neglect is not substantiated after an investigation has been  
2322 completed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17a-101g or a  
2323 recommended finding of child abuse or neglect is reversed after a  
2324 hearing or appeal conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
2325 section 17a-101k. The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early  
2326 Childhood shall immediately remove such information from the listing  
2327 and shall not further disclose any such information to the public.

2328 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, all  
2329 records provided by the Commissioner of Children and Families, or  
2330 the commissioner's designee, to the [Department of Public Health]  
2331 Office of Early Childhood regarding child abuse or neglect occurring at  
2332 any facility, may be utilized in an administrative proceeding or court  
2333 proceeding relative to facility licensing. In any such proceeding, such  
2334 records shall be confidential, except as provided [by the provisions of]  
2335 under section 4-177c, and such records shall not be subject to  
2336 disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

2337 Sec. 49. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2338 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2339 The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall utilize  
2340 consultative services and assistance from the Departments of  
2341 Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services  
2342 and from municipal building, fire and health departments. The  
2343 commissioner shall make periodic inspections of licensed day care  
2344 centers, group day care homes and family day care homes and shall  
2345 provide technical assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to  
2346 assist them to attain and maintain the standards established in  
2347 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as  
2348 amended by this act, 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this  
2349 act, and 19a-87b, as amended by this act.

2350 Sec. 50. Section 19a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2351 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2352 The [commissioner] Commissioner of Early Childhood may request  
2353 the Attorney General to bring an action in the superior court for the  
2354 judicial district of Hartford to enjoin any person, group of persons,  
2355 association, organization, corporation, institution, or agency, public or  
2356 private, from maintaining a child day care center or group day care  
2357 home without a license or operating a child day care center or group  
2358 day care home in violation of regulations adopted under sections 19a-  
2359 77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,  
2360 inclusive, as amended by this act.

2361 Sec. 51. Section 19a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2362 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2363 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or  
2364 corporation who [shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate]  
2365 establishes, conducts, maintains or operates a day care center or group  
2366 day care home without a current and valid license shall be subject to a  
2367 civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day  
2368 that such center or home is operated without a license.

2369 (b) If the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has  
2370 reason to believe that a violation has occurred for which a civil penalty  
2371 is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, he or she may send to  
2372 such person or officer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or  
2373 personally serve upon such person or officer, a notice which shall  
2374 include: (1) A reference to the section or sections of the general statutes  
2375 or regulations involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters  
2376 asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the maximum civil penalty  
2377 which may be imposed for such violation; and (4) a statement of the  
2378 party's right to request a hearing, such request to be submitted in  
2379 writing to the commissioner not later than thirty days after the notice  
2380 is mailed or served.

2381 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the commissioner shall  
2382 [hold a hearing on the violation asserted] cause a hearing to be held.  
2383 The hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
2384 54. If such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear  
2385 at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the commissioner finds that the  
2386 person or officer has committed such violation, the commissioner may,  
2387 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not  
2388 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The commissioner shall  
2389 send a copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified  
2390 mail, return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such  
2391 order.

2392 Sec. 52. Section 19a-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2394 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall have  
2395 the discretion to refuse to license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,  
2396 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as  
2397 amended by this act, a person to conduct, operate or maintain a day  
2398 care center or a group day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as  
2399 amended by this act, or to suspend or revoke the license or take any  
2400 other action set forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant to  
2401 section 19a-79, as amended by this act, if, the person who owns,  
2402 conducts, maintains or operates such center or home or a person  
2403 employed therein in a position connected with the provision of care to  
2404 a child receiving child day care services, has been convicted in this  
2405 state or any other state of a felony as defined in section 53a-25  
2406 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force  
2407 against another person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20,  
2408 injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section  
2409 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of six years under  
2410 section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child  
2411 under eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a,  
2412 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in  
2413 this state or any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes

2414 renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or  
2415 be employed by a child day care center or group day care home.  
2416 However, no refusal of a license shall be rendered except in accordance  
2417 with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

2418 (b) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a  
2419 child day care center or group day care home shall notify the  
2420 commissioner of any criminal conviction of the owner, conductor,  
2421 operator or maintainer of the center or home or of any person  
2422 employed therein in a position connected with the provision of care to  
2423 a child receiving child day care services, immediately upon obtaining  
2424 knowledge of the conviction. Failure to comply with the notification  
2425 requirement may result in the suspension or revocation of the license  
2426 or the imposition of any action set forth in regulation, and shall subject  
2427 the licensed person to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred  
2428 dollars per day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of  
2429 the conviction.

2430 (c) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking  
2431 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a  
2432 child receiving child day care services to make a false written  
2433 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form  
2434 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,  
2435 which statement he does not believe to be true and is intended to  
2436 mislead the prospective employer.

2437 (d) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child day  
2438 care center or a group day care home is operating without a current  
2439 and valid license or in violation of regulations adopted under section  
2440 19a-79, as amended by this act, or in a manner which may pose a  
2441 potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of a child receiving  
2442 child day care services, may report such information to the  
2443 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The  
2444 [department] office shall investigate any report or complaint received  
2445 pursuant to this subsection. The name of the person making the report  
2446 or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person consents to

2447 such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding results  
2448 therefrom or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
2449 section results therefrom. All records obtained by the [department]  
2450 office in connection with any such investigation shall not be subject to  
2451 the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty days from the date  
2452 of the petition or other event initiating such investigation, or until such  
2453 time as the investigation is terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or  
2454 other informal disposition or until a hearing is convened pursuant to  
2455 chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A formal statement of charges issued  
2456 by the [department] office shall be subject to the provisions of section  
2457 1-210 from the time that it is served or mailed to the respondent.  
2458 Records which are otherwise public records shall not be deemed  
2459 confidential merely because they have been obtained in connection  
2460 with an investigation under this section.

2461 (e) In addition to any powers the [Department of Public Health]  
2462 office may have, in any investigation (1) concerning an application,  
2463 reinstatement or renewal of a license for a child day care center, a  
2464 group day care home or a family day care home, as such terms are  
2465 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, (2) of a complaint  
2466 concerning child day care services, as described in section 19a-77, as  
2467 amended by this act, or (3) concerning the possible provision of  
2468 unlicensed child day care services, the [Department of Public Health]  
2469 office may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and  
2470 order the production of books, records and documents. If any person  
2471 refuses to appear, testify or produce any book, record or document  
2472 when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order  
2473 as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.

2474 Sec. 53. Section 19a-87b of the 2014 supplement to the general  
2475 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2476 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2477 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
2478 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
2479 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this

2480 act, without a license issued by the Commissioner of [Public Health]  
2481 Early Childhood. Licensure forms shall be obtained from the  
2482 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. Applications  
2483 for licensure shall be made to the commissioner on forms provided by  
2484 the [department] office and shall contain the information required by  
2485 regulations adopted under this section. The licensure and application  
2486 forms shall contain a notice that false statements made therein are  
2487 punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state,  
2488 in writing, that they are in compliance with the regulations adopted by  
2489 the commissioner pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Before a  
2490 family day care home license is granted, the [department] office shall  
2491 make an inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and  
2492 inspection of the premises for which the license is requested. Any  
2493 inspection conducted by the [department] office shall include an  
2494 inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning. The [department]  
2495 office shall provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on  
2496 such premises. Neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's  
2497 designee shall require an annual inspection for homes seeking license  
2498 renewal or for licensed homes, except that the commissioner or the  
2499 commissioner's designee shall make [unannounced visits, during  
2500 customary business hours, to at least thirty-three and one-third per  
2501 cent of the licensed family day care homes each year] an unannounced  
2502 visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed family day care home  
2503 at least once every year. A licensed family day care home shall not be  
2504 subject to any conditions on the operation of such home by local  
2505 officials, other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant  
2506 to this subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and  
2507 ordinances applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

2508 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a  
2509 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in  
2510 section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without an approval issued by  
2511 the [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner. Any person  
2512 seeking to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day  
2513 care home shall submit an application for such approval to the

2514 [department] office. Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to the  
2515 commissioner on forms provided by the [department] office, (2)  
2516 contain the information required by regulations adopted under this  
2517 section, and (3) be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. The  
2518 approval application forms shall contain a notice that false statements  
2519 made in such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

2520 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within  
2521 available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or  
2522 prospective employee of a family day care home in a position  
2523 requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or  
2524 substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal  
2525 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required  
2526 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with  
2527 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state  
2528 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The  
2529 commissioner shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this  
2530 subsection.

2531 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall  
2532 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be  
2533 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license  
2534 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty  
2535 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in  
2536 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations  
2537 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of  
2538 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed  
2539 for a term of four years.

2540 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff  
2541 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such  
2542 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

2543 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
2544 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure  
2545 that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended

2546 by this act, shall meet the health, educational and social needs of  
2547 children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure that the  
2548 family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an institutional  
2549 facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be protected as  
2550 age-appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria,  
2551 pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus  
2552 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of  
2553 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such  
2554 regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for  
2555 whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for  
2556 children whose parents object to such immunization on religious  
2557 grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which  
2558 family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor  
2559 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and  
2560 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs  
2561 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving  
2562 day care services at a family day care home pursuant to a written order  
2563 of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this or another state, an  
2564 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance  
2565 with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in  
2566 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a  
2567 parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations shall specify  
2568 appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent short-term  
2569 overnight care. The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of  
2570 a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days after the  
2571 regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations adopted  
2572 under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

2573 Sec. 54. Section 19a-87c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2574 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2575 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or  
2576 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a family  
2577 day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act,  
2578 without a current and valid license shall be subject to a civil penalty of



2579 not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day that such home  
2580 is operated without a license.

2581 (b) If the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has  
2582 reason to believe that a violation has occurred for which a civil penalty  
2583 is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, [he] the commissioner  
2584 may send to such person or officer by certified mail, return receipt  
2585 requested, or personally serve upon such person or officer, a notice  
2586 which shall include: (1) A reference to the section or sections of the  
2587 general statutes or regulations involved; (2) a short and plain  
2588 statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the  
2589 maximum civil penalty which may be imposed for such violation; and  
2590 (4) a statement of the party's right to request a hearing. Such request  
2591 shall be submitted in writing to the commissioner not later than thirty  
2592 days after the notice is mailed or served.

2593 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the commissioner shall  
2594 [hold a hearing on the violation asserted] cause a hearing to be held.  
2595 The hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
2596 54. If such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear  
2597 at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the commissioner finds that the  
2598 person or officer has committed such violation, the commissioner may,  
2599 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not  
2600 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The commissioner shall  
2601 send a copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified  
2602 mail, return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such  
2603 order.

2604 Sec. 55. Section 19a-87d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2605 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2606 The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood may request  
2607 the Attorney General to bring an action, in the superior court for the  
2608 judicial district in which such home is located, to enjoin any person,  
2609 group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution or  
2610 agency, public or private, from maintaining a family day care home, as

2611 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without a license or  
2612 in violation of regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended  
2613 by this act, and satisfactory proof of the lack of a license or the  
2614 violation of the regulations without more shall entitle the  
2615 commissioner to injunctive relief.

2616 Sec. 56. Section 19a-87e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2617 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2618 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood may (1)  
2619 refuse to license under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, a  
2620 person to own, conduct, operate or maintain a family day care home,  
2621 as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, (2) refuse to  
2622 approve under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, a person to act  
2623 as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day care home, as  
2624 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, or (3) suspend or  
2625 revoke the license or approval or take any other action that may be set  
2626 forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as  
2627 amended by this act, if the person who owns, conducts, maintains or  
2628 operates the family day care home, the person who acts as an assistant  
2629 or substitute staff member in a family day care home or a person  
2630 employed in such family day care home in a position connected with  
2631 the provision of care to a child receiving child day care services, has  
2632 been convicted, in this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in  
2633 section 53a-25, involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of  
2634 physical force against another person, or has a criminal record in this  
2635 state or any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes  
2636 renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or  
2637 be employed by a family day care home, or act as an assistant or  
2638 substitute staff member in a family day care home, or if such persons  
2639 or a person residing in the household has been convicted in this state  
2640 or any other state of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or  
2641 risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,  
2642 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-  
2643 23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under

2644 eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b,  
2645 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal manufacture, distribution,  
2646 sale, prescription, dispensing or administration under section 21a-277  
2647 or 21a-278, or illegal possession under section 21a-279, or if such  
2648 person, a person who acts as assistant or substitute staff member in a  
2649 family day care home or a person employed in such family day care  
2650 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child  
2651 receiving child day care services, either fails to substantially comply  
2652 with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-87b, as amended  
2653 by this act, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a manner  
2654 which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children  
2655 receiving child day care services. Any refusal of a license or approval  
2656 pursuant to this section shall be rendered in accordance with the  
2657 provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive. Any person whose  
2658 license or approval has been revoked pursuant to this section shall be  
2659 ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a period of one year  
2660 from the effective date of revocation.

2661 (b) When the commissioner intends to suspend or revoke a license  
2662 or approval or take any other action against a license or approval set  
2663 forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as amended by  
2664 this act, the commissioner shall notify the licensee or approved staff  
2665 member in writing of the commissioner's intended action. The licensee  
2666 or approved staff member may, if aggrieved by such intended action,  
2667 make application for a hearing in writing over the licensee's or  
2668 approved staff member's signature to the commissioner. The licensee  
2669 or approved staff member shall state in the application in plain  
2670 language the reasons why the licensee or approved staff member  
2671 claims to be aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the  
2672 commissioner within thirty days of the licensee's or approved staff  
2673 member's receipt of notification of the intended action. The  
2674 commissioner shall thereupon hold a hearing within sixty days from  
2675 receipt of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the date  
2676 of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing,  
2677 to the licensee or approved staff member. The provisions of this

2678 subsection shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a  
2679 license or approval under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act,  
2680 provided the commissioner shall notify the applicant of any such  
2681 denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the  
2682 applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license or approval  
2683 application.

2684 (c) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a  
2685 family day care home or approved to act as an assistant or substitute  
2686 staff member in a family day care home shall notify the commissioner  
2687 of any conviction of the owner, conductor, operator or maintainer of  
2688 the family day care home or of any person residing in the household or  
2689 any person employed in such family day care home in a position  
2690 connected with the provision of care to a child receiving child day care  
2691 services, of a crime which affects the commissioner's discretion under  
2692 subsection (a) of this section, immediately upon obtaining knowledge  
2693 of such conviction. Failure to comply with the notification requirement  
2694 of this subsection may result in the suspension or revocation of the  
2695 license or approval or the taking of any other action against a license or  
2696 approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as  
2697 amended by this act, and shall subject the licensee or approved staff  
2698 member to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per  
2699 day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of the  
2700 conviction.

2701 (d) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking  
2702 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a  
2703 child receiving family day care home services to make a false written  
2704 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form  
2705 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,  
2706 which statement such person does not believe to be true and is  
2707 intended to mislead the prospective employer.

2708 (e) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a family day  
2709 care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, is  
2710 operating without a current and valid license or in violation of the

2711 regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, or  
2712 in a manner which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare  
2713 and safety of a child receiving child day care services, may report such  
2714 information to [any office of the Department of Public Health] the  
2715 Office of Early Childhood. The [department] office shall investigate  
2716 any report or complaint received pursuant to this subsection. The  
2717 name of the person making the report or complaint shall not be  
2718 disclosed unless (1) such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a  
2719 judicial or administrative proceeding results from such report or  
2720 complaint, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
2721 section results from such report or complaint. All records obtained by  
2722 the [department] office in connection with any such investigation shall  
2723 not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty  
2724 days from the date of the petition or other event initiating such  
2725 investigation, or until such time as the investigation is terminated  
2726 pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or until a  
2727 hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A  
2728 formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office shall be  
2729 subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is served  
2730 or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise public  
2731 records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they have  
2732 been obtained in connection with an investigation under this section.

2733 Sec. 57. Section 8-210 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
2734 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2735 *1, 2014*):

2736 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
2737 Social Services or the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood,  
2738 as appropriate, may enter into a contract with a municipality or a  
2739 qualified private, nonprofit corporation for state financial assistance  
2740 for the planning, construction, renovation, site preparation and  
2741 purchase of improved or unimproved property as part of a capital  
2742 development project for neighborhood facilities. Such facilities may  
2743 include, but are not limited to, child day care facilities, elderly centers,

2744 multipurpose human resource centers, emergency shelters for the  
2745 homeless and shelters for victims of domestic violence. The financial  
2746 assistance shall be in the form of state grants-in-aid equal to (1) all or  
2747 any portion of the cost of such capital development project if the  
2748 grantee is a qualified private nonprofit corporation, or (2) up to two-  
2749 thirds of the cost of such capital development project if the grantee is a  
2750 municipality, as determined by the Commissioner of Social Services or  
2751 the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood, as appropriate.

2752 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
2753 [Education] Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a  
2754 municipality, a human resource development agency or a nonprofit  
2755 corporation for state financial assistance in developing and operating  
2756 child day care centers for children disadvantaged by reasons of  
2757 economic, social or environmental conditions, provided no such  
2758 financial assistance shall be available for the operating costs of any  
2759 such day care center unless it has been licensed by the Commissioner  
2760 of [Public Health] Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80, as  
2761 amended by this act. Such financial assistance shall be available for a  
2762 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency  
2763 or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,  
2764 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and  
2765 remodeling of physical facilities of such day care centers. Such contract  
2766 shall provide for state financial assistance, within available  
2767 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of  
2768 the cost of such program as determined by the Commissioner of  
2769 [Education] Early Childhood, if not federally assisted, or (2) equal to  
2770 one-half of the amount by which the net cost of such program as  
2771 approved by the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood  
2772 exceeds the federal grant-in-aid thereof. The Commissioner of  
2773 [Education] Early Childhood may authorize child day care centers  
2774 provided financial assistance pursuant to this subsection to apply a  
2775 program surplus to the next program year. The Commissioner of  
2776 [Education] Early Childhood shall consult with directors of child day  
2777 care centers in establishing fees for the operation of such centers.

2778 (c) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, in  
2779 consultation with representatives from child care centers, within  
2780 available appropriations, shall develop guidelines for state-contracted  
2781 child care center programs. The guidelines shall include standards for  
2782 program quality and design and identify short and long-term  
2783 outcomes for families participating in such programs. The  
2784 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, within available  
2785 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-  
2786 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center  
2787 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for  
2788 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the  
2789 [department] Office of Early Childhood. The plan shall include goals to  
2790 be used for measuring such improvement. The [department] Office of  
2791 Early Childhood shall use the plan to monitor the progress of the  
2792 center.

2793 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
2794 [Education] Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a  
2795 municipality, a human resource development agency or a nonprofit  
2796 corporation for state financial assistance for a project of renovation of  
2797 any child day care facility receiving assistance pursuant to the  
2798 provisions of this section, to make such facility accessible to the  
2799 physically disabled, in the form of a state grant-in-aid equal to (1) the  
2800 total net cost of the project as approved by the Commissioner of  
2801 [Education] Early Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net  
2802 cost of the project as approved by the Commissioner of [Education]  
2803 Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-aid thereof.

2804 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or  
2805 nonprofit corporation which enters into a contract pursuant to this  
2806 section for state financial assistance for a day care facility shall have  
2807 sole responsibility for the development of the budget of the day care  
2808 program, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of  
2809 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the  
2810 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local

determination of a change in the type of day care service required in the area, a municipality, human resource development agency or nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of its annual budget and subject to the provisions of this subsection and sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, change its day care service. An application to change the type of child day care service provided shall be submitted to the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood. Not later than forty-five days after the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood receives the application, the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood shall advise the municipality, human resource development agency or nonprofit corporation of the Commissioner of [Education's] Early Childhood's approval, denial or approval with modifications of the application. If the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood fails to act on the application not later than forty-five days after the application's submittal, the application shall be deemed approved.

(f) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may, in his discretion, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management authorize the expenditure of such funds for the purposes of this section as shall enable the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood to apply for, qualify for and provide the state's share of a federally assisted day care program.

Sec. 58. Subsection (a) of section 10a-194c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and local child care requirements, including health and safety standards.



2844 For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a  
2845 building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in  
2846 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and "child care center" means a  
2847 nonprofit facility that is licensed by the [Department of Public Health]  
2848 Office of Early Childhood as a child day care center or a group day  
2849 care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act.

2850 Sec. 59. Section 12-634 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2851 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2852 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against  
2853 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or  
2854 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount  
2855 invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs  
2856 operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to  
2857 section 12-632 for planning, site preparation, construction, renovation  
2858 or acquisition of facilities for purposes of establishing a child day care  
2859 facility to be used primarily by the children of such business firm's  
2860 employees and equipment installed for such facility, including kitchen  
2861 appliances, to the extent that such equipment or appliances are  
2862 necessary in the use of such facility for purposes of child day care,  
2863 provided: (1) Such facility is operated under the authority of a license  
2864 issued by the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood in  
2865 accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by  
2866 this act, (2) such facility is operated without profit by such business  
2867 firm related to any charges imposed for the use of such facility for  
2868 purposes of child day care, and (3) the amount of tax credit allowed  
2869 any business firm under the provisions of this section for any income  
2870 year may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. If two or more business  
2871 firms share in the cost of establishing such a facility for the children of  
2872 their employees, each such taxpayer shall be allowed such credit in  
2873 relation to the respective share, paid or incurred by such taxpayer, of  
2874 the total expenditures for the facility in such income year. The  
2875 commissioner shall not grant a credit pursuant to this section to any  
2876 taxpayer claiming a credit for the same year pursuant to section 12-

2877 217x.

2878 Sec. 60. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2014 supplement to  
2879 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2880 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2881 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any  
2882 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any  
2883 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not  
2884 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical  
2885 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist or psychologist, a school employee,  
2886 as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or  
2887 adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the  
2888 clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor,  
2889 podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any  
2890 person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services  
2891 provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug  
2892 counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist,  
2893 any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a domestic violence  
2894 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed  
2895 professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any  
2896 person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child  
2897 day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed  
2898 by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and  
2899 Families, any employee of the Department of Public Health, any  
2900 employee of the Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the  
2901 licensing of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day  
2902 care homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of  
2903 the Office of the Child Advocate and any family relations counselor,  
2904 family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor  
2905 employed by the Judicial Department.

2906 Sec. 61. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the 2014 supplement to  
2907 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2908 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2909 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the  
2910 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in  
2911 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,  
2912 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in  
2913 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information  
2914 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the  
2915 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program  
2916 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from  
2917 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its  
2918 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance  
2919 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)  
2920 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such  
2921 information directly related to unemployment compensation,  
2922 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for  
2923 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and  
2924 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session, (2) to any  
2925 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
2926 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation  
2927 and operation of the basic needs supplement program, (3) to any  
2928 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative  
2929 Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
2930 Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social Services  
2931 determines is directly related to and necessary for the Department of  
2932 Administrative Services or the Department of Emergency Services and  
2933 Public Protection for purposes of performing their functions of  
2934 collecting social services recoveries and overpayments or amounts due  
2935 as support in social services cases, investigating social services fraud or  
2936 locating absent parents of public assistance recipients, (4) to any  
2937 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Children and  
2938 Families necessary information concerning a child or the immediate  
2939 family of a child receiving services from the Department of Social  
2940 Services, including safety net services, if the Commissioner of Children  
2941 and Families or the Commissioner of Social Services has determined  
2942 that imminent danger to such child's health, safety or welfare exists to  
2943 target the services of the family services programs administered by the

2944 Department of Children and Families, (5) to a town official or other  
2945 contractor or authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner  
2946 such information concerning an applicant for or a recipient of  
2947 assistance under state-administered general assistance deemed  
2948 necessary by the Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor  
2949 Commissioner to carry out their respective responsibilities to serve  
2950 such persons under the programs administered by the Labor  
2951 Department that are designed to serve applicants for or recipients of  
2952 state-administered general assistance, (6) to any authorized  
2953 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
2954 Services for the purposes of the behavioral health managed care  
2955 program established by section 17a-453, (7) to any authorized  
2956 representative of the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early  
2957 Childhood to carry out his or her respective responsibilities under  
2958 programs that regulate child day care services or youth camps, (8) to a  
2959 health insurance provider, in IV-D support cases, as defined in  
2960 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information  
2961 concerning a child and the custodial parent of such child that is  
2962 necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan available  
2963 through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such child is  
2964 under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is unable  
2965 to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of Social  
2966 Services determines, after providing prior notice of the disclosure to  
2967 such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent to object,  
2968 that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child, (9) to any  
2969 authorized representative of the Department of Correction, in IV-D  
2970 support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of  
2971 section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is  
2972 necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who  
2973 may benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill  
2974 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly  
2975 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support  
2976 obligation, (10) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,  
2977 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)  
2978 of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is

2979 necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support  
2980 cases who may benefit from educational, training, skill building, work  
2981 or rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such  
2982 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in  
2983 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)  
2984 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, (11) to  
2985 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support  
2986 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-  
2987 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors  
2988 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of  
2989 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed  
2990 abandoned under part III of chapter 32, or (12) to any authorized  
2991 representative of the Commissioner of Housing for the purpose of  
2992 verifying whether an applicant for the renters rebate program  
2993 established by section 12-170d is a recipient of cash assistance from the  
2994 Department of Social Services and the amount of such assistance. No  
2995 such representative shall disclose any information obtained pursuant  
2996 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for  
2997 assistance provided through said department shall be notified that, if  
2998 and when such applicant receives benefits, the department will be  
2999 providing law enforcement officials with the address of such applicant  
3000 upon the request of any such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

3001 Sec. 62. Subsection (a) of section 10-16mm of the general statutes is  
3002 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3003 *1, 2014*):

3004 (a) There is established a task force to address the academic  
3005 achievement gaps in Connecticut by considering effective approaches  
3006 to closing the achievement gaps in elementary, middle and high  
3007 schools. The task force shall develop, in consultation with the  
3008 Department of Education, the Connecticut State University System, the  
3009 Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established  
3010 pursuant to section 10-16nn, and the joint standing committee of the  
3011 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,

3012 a master plan to eliminate the academic achievement gaps by January  
3013 1, 2020. Such master plan shall: (1) Identify the achievement gaps that  
3014 exist among and between (A) racial groups, (B) ethnic groups, (C)  
3015 socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English language learners  
3016 and students whose primary language is English; (2) focus efforts on  
3017 closing the achievement gaps identified in subdivision (1) of this  
3018 subsection; (3) establish annual benchmarks for implementation of the  
3019 master plan and closing the achievement gaps; and (4) make  
3020 recommendations regarding the creation of a Secretary of Education. ];  
3021 and (5) develop a plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a  
3022 child five years of age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section  
3023 10-15c from January first of the school year to October first of the  
3024 school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness  
3025 programs for those children who reach the age of five after October  
3026 first of any school year and are no longer eligible to enroll in  
3027 kindergarten for such school year.] The task force may amend such  
3028 master plan at any time. For purposes of this section, "achievement  
3029 gaps" means the existence of a significant disparity in the academic  
3030 performance of students among and between (A) racial groups, (B)  
3031 ethnic groups, (C) socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English  
3032 language learners and students whose primary language is English.

3033 Sec. 63. Section 17b-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3034 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3035 The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide  
3036 fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to  
3037 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance  
3038 under (1) programs administered by the department, including, but  
3039 not limited to, [(1)] (A) the temporary family assistance program, [(2)]  
3040 (B) the supplemental nutrition assistance program, [(3)] (C) the child  
3041 care subsidy program, or [(4)] (D) the Medicaid program pursuant to  
3042 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and (2) the child care subsidy  
3043 program administered by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to  
3044 section 17b-749, as amended by this act, is fraudulent prior to granting

3045 assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall consult with the  
3046 Commissioner of Early Childhood regarding the development of such  
3047 state-wide fraud early detection system for such child care subsidy  
3048 program. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall  
3049 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, for the purpose of  
3050 developing and implementing said system. The [commissioner]  
3051 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit quarterly reports  
3052 concerning savings realized through the implementation of the state-  
3053 wide fraud early detection system to the joint standing committees of  
3054 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
3055 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

3056 Sec. 64. Subsection (d) of section 31-286a of the general statutes is  
3057 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3058 *1, 2014*):

3059 (d) For purposes of this section, "sufficient evidence" means (1) a  
3060 certificate of self-insurance issued by a workers' compensation  
3061 commissioner pursuant to section 31-284, (2) a certificate of compliance  
3062 issued by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to section 31-286, (3) a  
3063 certificate of insurance issued by any stock or mutual insurance  
3064 company or mutual association authorized to write workers'  
3065 compensation insurance in this state or its agent, or (4) in lieu of a  
3066 physical certificate of insurance being presented for the issuance or  
3067 renewal of licenses and permits issued by the Department of  
3068 Consumer Protection, [or] the Department of Public Health or the  
3069 Office of Early Childhood, the entrance by the applicant on the  
3070 renewal form of the name of the insurer, insurance policy number,  
3071 effective dates of coverage, and a certification that the same is truthful  
3072 and accurate.

3073 Sec. 65. Section 1 of special act 13-16 is amended to read as follows  
3074 (*Effective from passage*):

3075 Any child day care facility or child day care center that received a  
3076 loan pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as amended

3077 by this act, prior to July 1, 2012, and that (1) entered into a contract  
3078 with the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to section 8-210 of  
3079 the general statutes, as amended by this act, on or before July 1, 2012,  
3080 for state financial assistance in operating a child day care facility or  
3081 child day care center, or (2) received a grant pursuant to subsection (c)  
3082 of section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall  
3083 continue to receive state financial assistance from the [Department of  
3084 Education] Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to section 8-210 of the  
3085 general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (c) of section  
3086 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, until the loan  
3087 received pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as  
3088 amended by this act, is fully paid off by such child day care facility or  
3089 child day care center.

3090 Sec. 66. Section 19a-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3091 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3092 (a) When the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has  
3093 reason to believe any person licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,  
3094 inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87,  
3095 inclusive, as amended by this act, has failed substantially to comply  
3096 with the regulations adopted under said sections, the commissioner  
3097 may notify the licensee in writing of the commissioner's intention to  
3098 suspend or revoke the license or to impose a licensure action. Such  
3099 notice shall be served by certified mail stating the particular reasons  
3100 for the proposed action. The licensee may, if aggrieved by such  
3101 intended action, make application for a hearing in writing over the  
3102 licensee's signature to the commissioner. The licensee shall state in the  
3103 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be  
3104 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the commissioner  
3105 [within] not later than thirty days [of] after the licensee's receipt of  
3106 notification of the intended action. The commissioner shall thereupon  
3107 hold a hearing [within] or cause a hearing to be held not later than  
3108 sixty days [from] after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten  
3109 days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time



3110 and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be  
3111 conducted by the commissioner or by a hearing officer appointed by  
3112 the commissioner in writing. The licensee and the commissioner or  
3113 hearing officer may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of  
3114 witnesses. The licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel  
3115 and a transcript of the hearing shall be made. If the hearing is  
3116 conducted by a hearing officer, the hearing officer shall state the  
3117 hearing officer's findings and make a recommendation to the  
3118 commissioner on the issue of revocation or suspension or the intended  
3119 licensure action. The commissioner, based upon the findings and  
3120 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by  
3121 the commissioner, shall render the commissioner's decision in writing  
3122 suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the  
3123 intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by  
3124 certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the  
3125 license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective  
3126 thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the  
3127 licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may  
3128 appeal as provided in section 19a-85. Any licensee whose license has  
3129 been revoked pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to apply  
3130 for a license for a period of one year from the effective date of  
3131 revocation.

3132 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the denial of an  
3133 initial application for a license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,  
3134 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as  
3135 amended by this act, provided the commissioner shall notify the  
3136 applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing  
3137 written notice to the applicant at the applicant's address shown on the  
3138 license application.

3139 Sec. 67. Section 19a-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3140 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3141 Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Commissioner of [Public  
3142 Health] Early Childhood rendered under section 19a-82 or 19a-84, as

3143 amended by this act, may appeal the decision of the commissioner in  
3144 accordance with section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in  
3145 the judicial district of New Britain. Such appeal shall have precedence  
3146 in the order of trial as provided in section 52-192.

3147 Sec. 68. Subdivision (14) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is  
3148 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3149 *passage*):

3150 (14) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of  
3151 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,  
3152 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent  
3153 units, the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors,  
3154 the E. O. Smith School and any other activity, institution or school  
3155 employing members.

3156 Sec. 69. Subdivision (20) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is  
3157 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3158 *passage*):

3159 (20) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or  
3160 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly  
3161 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of  
3162 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the board of governors or  
3163 any of its constituent units, the E. O. Smith School, the Children's  
3164 Center and its successors, the State Education Resource Center  
3165 established pursuant to section 10-4q, joint activities of boards of  
3166 education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any  
3167 institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or  
3168 any incorporated secondary school not under the orders and  
3169 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of  
3170 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and  
3171 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and  
3172 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the  
3173 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or  
3174 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement

3175 board.

3176 Sec. 70. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is  
3177 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3178 *passage*):

3179 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,  
3180 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or  
3181 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional  
3182 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State  
3183 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate  
3184 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except  
3185 as provided for in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel who  
3186 provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools,  
3187 as provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement, (C)  
3188 any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising schools for  
3189 adults if the annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater  
3190 than the minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position  
3191 in the day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a  
3192 member of the professional staff of the State Board of Education, the  
3193 Office of Early Childhood, or of the Board of Regents for Higher  
3194 Education or any of the constituent units, and (E) a member of the staff  
3195 of the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section  
3196 10-4q employed in a professional capacity while possessing a  
3197 certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education. A  
3198 "permanent substitute teacher" is one who serves as such for at least  
3199 ten months during any school year.

3200 Sec. 71. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
3201 subsection (b) of section 17b-90 and sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80,  
3202 19a-80f, 19a-82, 19a-84 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the general statutes, as  
3203 amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the  
3204 Commissioner of Early Childhood may enter into a memorandum of  
3205 agreement with the Commissioner of Public Health regarding (1)  
3206 assistance of the Department of Public Health in the implementation of  
3207 the provisions of sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-80f, 19a-82, 19a-84

3208 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act,  
3209 and (2) the disclosure of records received by the Office of Early  
3210 Childhood, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-90 and section  
3211 19a-80f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to the  
3212 Department of Public Health.

3213 Sec. 72. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3214 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3215 As used in this chapter:

3216 (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or  
3217 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during  
3218 school vacations or on weekends by a person, partnership,  
3219 corporation, association, the state or a municipal agency for  
3220 recreational or educational purposes and accommodating for profit or  
3221 under philanthropic or charitable auspices five or more children, who  
3222 are at least three years of age and under sixteen years of age, who are  
3223 (A) not bona fide personal guests in the private home of an individual,  
3224 and (B) living apart from their relatives, parents or legal guardian, for  
3225 a period of three days or more per week or portions of three or more  
3226 days per week, provided any such relative, parent or guardian who is  
3227 an employee of such camp shall not be considered to be in the position  
3228 of loco parentis to such employee's child for the purposes of this  
3229 chapter, but does not include (i) classroom-based summer instructional  
3230 programs operated by any person, provided no activities that may  
3231 pose a health risk or hazard to participating children are conducted at  
3232 such programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools in compliance  
3233 with section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of Education or  
3234 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
3235 Education, which operate a summer educational program, (iii) licensed  
3236 day care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for children who are at least  
3237 six years of age administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls'  
3238 club;

3239 (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,

3240 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
3241 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
3242 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
3243 sixteen years of age for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in  
3244 which the campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

3245 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
3246 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
3247 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
3248 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
3249 sixteen years of age during daylight hours for at least three days a  
3250 week with the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one  
3251 meal per day, but does not include programs operated by a municipal  
3252 agency;

3253 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency, individual,  
3254 partnership, association, organization, limited liability company or  
3255 corporation;

3256 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Public Health]  
3257 Early Childhood; and

3258 (6) ["Department" means the Department of Public Health.] "Office"  
3259 means the Office of Early Childhood.

3260 Sec. 73. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3261 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3262 No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
3263 without a license issued by the [department] office. Applications for  
3264 such license shall be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the  
3265 opening of the youth camp on forms provided and in accordance with  
3266 procedures established by the commissioner and shall be accompanied  
3267 by a fee of eight hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a  
3268 nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a fee of three hundred  
3269 fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a  
3270 nonprofit organization, for no more than five days duration and for

3271 which labor and materials are donated, no fee. All such licenses shall  
3272 be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance unless  
3273 surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked by the  
3274 commissioner for violation of this chapter or any regulations adopted  
3275 under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, and shall be renewable  
3276 upon payment of [a] an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if  
3277 the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a three-  
3278 hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp  
3279 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days  
3280 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

3281 Sec. 74. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3282 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3283 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license  
3284 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following  
3285 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide  
3286 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good  
3287 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be  
3288 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,  
3289 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the  
3290 [department] office and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as  
3291 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past  
3292 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)  
3293 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the  
3294 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all  
3295 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and  
3296 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to  
3297 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a  
3298 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to  
3299 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety  
3300 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and  
3301 neglect; (5) all hazardous activities, including, but not limited to,  
3302 archery, aquatics, horseback riding and firearms instruction, shall be  
3303 supervised by a qualified activities specialist who has adequate

3304 experience and training in such specialist's area of specialty; (6) the  
3305 staff of a resident and nonresident camp shall at all times include an  
3306 adult trained in the administration of first aid as required by the  
3307 commissioner; (7) records of personal data for each camper shall be  
3308 kept in any reasonable form the camp director may choose, and shall  
3309 include (A) the camper's name, age and address, (B) the name, address  
3310 and telephone number of the parents or guardian, (C) the dates of  
3311 admission and discharge, and (D) such other information as the  
3312 commissioner shall require. Any youth camp licensed under this  
3313 chapter shall operate only as the type of camp authorized by such  
3314 license. Such camps shall not advertise any service they are not  
3315 equipped or licensed to offer. The license shall be posted in a  
3316 conspicuous place at camp headquarters and failure to so post the  
3317 license shall result in the presumption that the camp is being operated  
3318 in violation of this chapter.

3319 Sec. 75. Section 19a-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3320 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3321 (a) The commissioner may take any of the actions authorized under  
3322 subsection (b) of this section if the youth camp licensee: (1) Is convicted  
3323 of any offense involving moral turpitude, the record of conviction  
3324 being conclusive evidence thereof; (2) is legally adjudicated insane or  
3325 mentally incompetent, the record of such adjudication being  
3326 conclusive evidence thereof; (3) uses any narcotic or any controlled  
3327 drug, as defined in section 21a-240, to an extent or in a manner that  
3328 such use impairs the licensee's ability to properly care for children; (4)  
3329 fails to comply with the statutes and regulations for licensing youth  
3330 camps; (5) furnishes or makes any misleading or any false statement or  
3331 report to the [department] office; (6) refuses to submit to the  
3332 [department] office any reports or refuses to make available to the  
3333 [department] office any records required by it in investigating the  
3334 facility for licensing purposes; (7) fails or refuses to submit to an  
3335 investigation or inspection by the [department] office or to admit  
3336 authorized representatives of the [department] office at any reasonable

3337 time for the purpose of investigation, inspection or licensing; (8) fails  
3338 to provide, maintain, equip and keep in safe and sanitary condition  
3339 premises established for or used by the campers pursuant to minimum  
3340 standards prescribed by the [department] office or by ordinances or  
3341 regulations applicable to the location of such facility; or (9) wilfully or  
3342 deliberately violates any of the provisions of this chapter.

3343 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, after a  
3344 contested case hearing held in accordance with the provisions of  
3345 chapter 54, may take any of the following actions, singly or in  
3346 combination, in any case in which the commissioner finds that there  
3347 has been a substantial failure to comply with the requirements  
3348 established under sections 19a-420 to 19a-428, inclusive, as amended  
3349 by this act, the Public Health Code or regulations adopted pursuant to  
3350 section 19a-428, as amended by this act: (1) Revoke a license; (2)  
3351 suspend a license; (3) impose a civil penalty of not more than one  
3352 hundred dollars per violation for each day of occurrence; (4) place a  
3353 licensee on probationary status and require such licensee to report  
3354 regularly to the [department] office on the matters that are the basis of  
3355 the probation; (5) restrict the acquisition of other facilities for a period  
3356 of time set by the commissioner; or (6) impose limitations on a license.

3357 (c) The commissioner shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the  
3358 commissioner's intention to suspend or revoke the license or to impose  
3359 a licensure action. The licensee may, if aggrieved by such intended  
3360 action, make application for a hearing, in writing, over the licensee's  
3361 signature to the commissioner. The licensee shall state in the  
3362 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be  
3363 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the commissioner not  
3364 later than thirty days after the licensee's receipt of notification of the  
3365 intended action.

3366 (d) The commissioner shall hold a hearing not later than sixty days  
3367 after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the  
3368 date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the  
3369 hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be conducted by the



3370 commissioner or by a hearing officer appointed by the commissioner,  
3371 in writing. The licensee and the commissioner or hearing officer may  
3372 issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The licensee  
3373 shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript of the  
3374 hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer,  
3375 the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and make a  
3376 recommendation to the commissioner on the issue of revocation or  
3377 suspension or the intended licensure action.

3378 (e) The commissioner, based upon the findings and  
3379 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by  
3380 the commissioner, shall render the commissioner's decision, in writing,  
3381 suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the  
3382 intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by  
3383 certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the  
3384 license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective  
3385 thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the  
3386 licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may  
3387 appeal in the same manner as provided in section 19a-85.

3388 (f) The provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section  
3389 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license under  
3390 section 19a-421, as amended by this act, provided the commissioner  
3391 notifies the applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such  
3392 denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the applicant's  
3393 address shown on the license application.

3394 (g) If the [department] office determines that the health, safety or  
3395 welfare of a child or staff person at a youth camp requires imperative  
3396 emergency action by the [department] office to halt an activity being  
3397 provided at the camp, the [department] office may issue a cease and  
3398 desist order limiting the license and requiring the immediate cessation  
3399 of the activity. The [department] office shall provide the licensee with  
3400 an opportunity for a hearing regarding the issuance of a cease and  
3401 desist order. Such hearing shall be held not later than ten business  
3402 days after the date of issuance of the order. Upon receipt of such order,

3403 the licensee shall cease providing the activity and provide immediate  
3404 notification to staff and the parents of all children attending the camp  
3405 that such activity has ceased at the camp until such time as the cease  
3406 and desist order is dissolved by the [department] office.

3407 Sec. 76. Section 19a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3408 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3409 Any person who establishes, conducts or maintains a youth camp  
3410 without a license as required by this chapter for a first offense shall be  
3411 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars, and  
3412 for a second or subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of  
3413 not more than one thousand five hundred dollars, and each day  
3414 during which a youth camp is conducted or maintained without a  
3415 license, after notification to such person by the commissioner, shall  
3416 constitute a separate offense. The [Commissioner of Public Health]  
3417 commissioner may apply to the superior court for the judicial district  
3418 of Hartford, or for the judicial district where the defendant named in  
3419 such application resides, for an injunction to restrain the operation or  
3420 maintenance of a youth camp by any person other than a licensed  
3421 operator. The application for such injunction or the issuance of the  
3422 same shall be in addition to and shall not relieve any such person from  
3423 the imposition of a civil penalty under this section. In connection with  
3424 any such application for an injunction, it shall not be necessary to  
3425 prove that an adequate remedy at law does not exist.

3426 Sec. 77. Section 19a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3427 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3428 The [Department of Public Health] office shall inspect or cause to be  
3429 inspected the facilities to be operated by an applicant for an original  
3430 license before the license shall be granted, and shall annually thereafter  
3431 inspect or cause to be inspected the facilities of all licensees. No annual  
3432 inspection shall be required under this section in the case of facilities of  
3433 a licensee located in any dormitory, classroom or other building or any  
3434 athletic facility owned and maintained by any college or university,

3435 provided a timely safety inspection of such building or facility,  
3436 satisfactory to the [department] office, is conducted by or on behalf of  
3437 such college or university.

3438 Sec. 78. Section 19a-427 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3439 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3440 The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner is authorized to  
3441 accept, on behalf of the state, any grants of federal or private funds  
3442 made available for any purposes consistent with the provisions of this  
3443 chapter. The commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the  
3444 Office of Policy and Management, may direct the disposition of any  
3445 such grants so accepted in conformity with the terms and conditions  
3446 under which given.

3447 Sec. 79. Section 19a-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3448 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3449 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
3450 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, relating to  
3451 the safe operation of youth camps, including, but not limited to,  
3452 personnel qualifications for director and staff; ratio of staff to campers;  
3453 sanitation and public health; personal health, first aid and medical  
3454 services; food handling, mass feeding and cleanliness; water supply  
3455 and waste disposal; water safety, including use of lakes and rivers,  
3456 swimming and boating equipment and practices, vehicle condition and  
3457 operation; building and site design; equipment; and condition and  
3458 density of use, as the commissioner may deem necessary or desirable.  
3459 Such regulations shall be construed to be minimum standards subject  
3460 to the imposition and enforcement of higher standards by any town,  
3461 city or borough.

3462 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
3463 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, allowing  
3464 physical examinations or health status certifications required by youth  
3465 camps prior to the date of arrival at youth camps to be made by a

3466 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse  
3467 licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or a physician assistant licensed  
3468 pursuant to chapter 370. Such regulations shall permit a physical  
3469 examination that is required for school purposes to also be used to  
3470 satisfy any such required youth camp examination or certification,  
3471 subject to such conditions regarding the timeliness of such  
3472 examination as the commissioner deems appropriate.

3473 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
3474 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that  
3475 specify conditions under which youth camp directors and staff may  
3476 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed  
3477 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including  
3478 controlled drugs specified in the regulations adopted by the  
3479 commissioner, to a child enrolled in a youth camp at such camp. The  
3480 regulations shall require authorization pursuant to: (1) The written  
3481 order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed  
3482 to practice dental medicine in this or another state, an advanced  
3483 practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, a physician  
3484 assistant licensed under chapter 370, a podiatrist licensed under  
3485 chapter 375 or an optometrist licensed under chapter 380; and (2) the  
3486 written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child.

3487 Sec. 80. Section 19a-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3488 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3489 Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a youth camp,  
3490 as defined in section 19a-420, as amended by this act, is operating  
3491 without a current and valid license or in violation of regulations  
3492 adopted under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, or in a manner  
3493 which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of  
3494 a child receiving youth camp services, may report such information to  
3495 the [Department of Public Health] office. The [department] office shall  
3496 investigate any report or complaint received pursuant to this section.  
3497 In connection with any investigation of a youth camp, the  
3498 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner or [said] the

3499 commissioner's authorized agent may administer oaths, issue  
3500 subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,  
3501 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to  
3502 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of  
3503 the Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid  
3504 in the enforcement of this section. The name of the person making the  
3505 report or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person  
3506 consents to such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding  
3507 results therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to section 19a-423, as  
3508 amended by this act, results from such report or complaint. All records  
3509 obtained by the [department] office in connection with any such  
3510 investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a  
3511 period of thirty days from the date of the petition or other event  
3512 initiating such investigation, or until such time as the investigation is  
3513 terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or  
3514 until a hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is  
3515 earlier. A formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office  
3516 shall be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is  
3517 served or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise  
3518 public records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they  
3519 have been obtained in connection with an investigation under this  
3520 section.

3521       Sec. 81. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of Early Childhood  
3522 shall develop a plan to provide (1) spaces to all eligible children, as  
3523 defined in section 82 of this act, in an accredited school readiness  
3524 program, as defined in section 82 of this act, or a school readiness  
3525 program seeking accreditation, as defined in section 82 of this act, and  
3526 (2) access to a preschool program established or expanded under the  
3527 Connecticut Smart Start competitive grant program, described in  
3528 section 83 of this act. The commissioner shall submit such plan to the  
3529 Governor on or before January 1, 2015.

3530       Sec. 82. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this section:

3531       (1) "Eligible town" means a town in which a priority school, as

3532 defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this  
3533 act, is located or a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked  
3534 in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision  
3535 (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, whose school district is  
3536 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general  
3537 statutes;

3538 (2) "Eligible regional school readiness council" means a regional  
3539 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r of  
3540 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for a region in which a  
3541 priority school is located;

3542 (3) "Eligible children" means children (A) three and four years of age  
3543 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school  
3544 pursuant to section 10-15c of the general statutes, or who are eligible to  
3545 enroll in school and will attend a school readiness program pursuant  
3546 to section 10-16t of the general statutes, and (B) who reside (i) in an  
3547 area served by a priority school or a former priority school, as  
3548 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the  
3549 general statutes, as amended by this act, (ii) in a town ranked one to  
3550 fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town  
3551 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general  
3552 statutes, whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant  
3553 to section 10-266p of the general statutes, (iii) in a town formerly a  
3554 town described in clause (ii) of this subparagraph, as provided for in  
3555 subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general  
3556 statutes, as amended by this act, or (iv) in a town designated as an  
3557 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes,  
3558 whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant to  
3559 section 10-266p of the general statutes;

3560 (4) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided  
3561 in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3562 (5) "Priority school" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-  
3563 16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3564 (6) "Accredited" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-16p  
3565 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

3566 (7) "Seeking accreditation" has the same meaning as provided in  
3567 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

3568 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish a grant  
3569 program for eligible towns and eligible regional school readiness  
3570 councils for (1) start-up of school readiness classrooms, and (2)  
3571 providing spaces to all eligible children in accredited school readiness  
3572 programs and school readiness programs seeking accreditation. An  
3573 eligible town or eligible regional school readiness council may apply  
3574 for such grant to the commissioner, at such time and in such manner as  
3575 the commissioner prescribes.

3576 Sec. 83. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For the fiscal years ending  
3577 June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2024, inclusive, the Office of Early Childhood,  
3578 in consultation with the Department of Education, shall design and  
3579 administer the Connecticut Smart Start competitive grant program to  
3580 reimburse local and regional boards of education for capital and  
3581 operating expenses related to establishing or expanding a preschool  
3582 program under the jurisdiction of the board of education for the town.  
3583 A local or regional board of education may submit an application to  
3584 the office, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
3585 section, and may receive (1) a grant for capital expenses in an amount  
3586 not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars per classroom for costs  
3587 related to the renovation of an existing public school to accommodate  
3588 the establishment or expansion of a preschool program, and (2) an  
3589 annual grant for operating expenses (A) in an amount not to exceed  
3590 five thousand dollars per child served by such grant, or (B) in an  
3591 amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars for each preschool  
3592 classroom, provided no town shall receive a total annual grant for  
3593 operating expenses greater than three hundred thousand dollars. Each  
3594 local or regional board of education that establishes or expands a  
3595 preschool program under this section shall be eligible to receive an  
3596 annual grant for operating expenses for a period of five years,

3597 provided such preschool program meets standards established by the  
3598 Commissioner of Early Childhood. Such local or regional board of  
3599 education may submit an application for renewal of such grant to the  
3600 office.

3601 (b) On and after July 1, 2014, local and regional boards of education,  
3602 individually or cooperatively, pursuant to section 10-158a of the  
3603 general statutes, may apply, at such time and in such manner as the  
3604 commissioner prescribes, to the office for a capital grant and an  
3605 operating grant for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this  
3606 section. To be eligible to receive such grants under this section, an  
3607 applicant board of education shall (1) demonstrate that it has a need  
3608 for establishing or expanding a preschool program using information  
3609 requested by the commissioner on a form prescribed by the  
3610 commissioner, such as data collected from the preschool experience  
3611 survey, described in section 84 of this act, (2) submit a plan for the  
3612 expenditure of grant funds received under this section that outlines  
3613 how such board of education will use such funds to establish or  
3614 expand a preschool program, including, but not limited to, the amount  
3615 that such board will contribute to the operation of such preschool  
3616 program and how such board of education will provide access to  
3617 preschool for children who would not otherwise be able to enroll in a  
3618 preschool program, and (3) submit a letter of support for establishing  
3619 or expanding a preschool program by the local or regional school  
3620 readiness council, described in section 10-16r of the general statutes, if  
3621 any, for the school district. The commissioner shall give priority to  
3622 boards of education (A) that demonstrate the greatest need for the  
3623 establishment or expansion of a preschool program, and (B) whose  
3624 plan allocates at least sixty per cent of the spaces in such preschool  
3625 program to children who are members of families that are at or below  
3626 seventy-five per cent of the state median income, or fifty per cent of the  
3627 spaces in such preschool program to children who are eligible for free  
3628 and reduced price lunches. The commissioner, in reviewing  
3629 applications submitted under this subsection, shall also take into  
3630 consideration (i) whether an applicant board of education (I) currently



3631 offers a full-day kindergarten program, (II) will be cooperating and  
3632 coordinating with other governmental and community programs to  
3633 provide services during periods when the preschool program is not in  
3634 session, or (III) will collaborate with other boards of education, as part  
3635 of a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a of the  
3636 general statutes, to offer a regional preschool program, and (ii) current  
3637 community capacity for preschool programs and current opportunities  
3638 for preschool for children in the community.

3639 (c) A preschool program created or expanded under this section  
3640 shall (1) contain a classroom with an individual who holds certification  
3641 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes with an  
3642 endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special  
3643 education and is an employee of the board of education providing a  
3644 preschool program under this section, (2) maintain a classroom size  
3645 and teacher-child ratio that is in compliance with standards  
3646 established by the National Association for the Education of Young  
3647 Children, (3) obtain accreditation, as described in section 10-16p of the  
3648 general statutes, not later than three years after the creation or  
3649 expansion of the preschool program, and (4) be located in a public  
3650 school or in a space maintained by an early care and education and  
3651 child development program provider, pursuant to an agreement  
3652 between a board of education and such early care and education and  
3653 child development program provider.

3654 (d) Each local or regional board of education receiving a grant under  
3655 this section shall submit an annual report, on a form and in a manner  
3656 prescribed by the commissioner, to the Office of Early Childhood  
3657 regarding the status and operation of the preschool program.

3658 (e) A local or regional board of education receiving grant funds  
3659 under this section may implement a sliding fee scale for the cost of  
3660 services provided to children enrolled in such preschool program.

3661 Sec. 84. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before March 1, 2015,  
3662 the Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the

3663 Department of Education, shall develop a preschool experience survey  
3664 that may be included in kindergarten registration materials provided  
3665 by local and regional boards of education to parents or guardians of  
3666 children enrolling in kindergarten pursuant to section 10-184 of the  
3667 general statutes. The board shall use such survey to collect information  
3668 regarding (1) whether the child enrolling in kindergarten has  
3669 participated in a preschool program, and (2) (A) if such child has  
3670 participated in a preschool program, the nature, length and setting of  
3671 such preschool program, or (B) if the child has not participated in a  
3672 preschool program, the reasons why such child did not participate in a  
3673 preschool program, including, but not limited to, financial difficulty,  
3674 lack of transportation, parental choice regarding enrollment,  
3675 limitations related to the hours of operation of available preschool  
3676 programs and any other barriers to participation in a preschool  
3677 program. A local or regional board of education shall not require any  
3678 parent or guardian of such child to complete such survey as a  
3679 condition of such child's enrollment in kindergarten.

3680 Sec. 85. Subsection (c) of section 10-10a of the general statutes is  
3681 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3682 *1, 2014*):

3683 (c) [On or before July 1, 2013, the department shall expand the] The  
3684 state-wide public school information system [as follows] shall:

3685 (1) Track and report data relating to student, teacher and school and  
3686 district performance growth and make such information available to  
3687 local and regional boards of education for use in evaluating  
3688 educational performance and growth of teachers and students enrolled  
3689 in public schools in the state. Such information shall be collected or  
3690 calculated based on information received from local and regional  
3691 boards of education and other relevant sources. Such information shall  
3692 include, but not be limited to:

3693 (A) In addition to performance on state-wide mastery examinations  
3694 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, data relating to students shall

3695 include, but not be limited to, (i) the primary language spoken at the  
3696 home of a student, (ii) student transcripts, (iii) student attendance and  
3697 student mobility, [and] (iv) reliable, valid assessments of a student's  
3698 readiness to enter public school at the kindergarten level, and (v) data  
3699 collected, if any, from the preschool experience survey, described in  
3700 section 84 of this act;

3701 (B) Data relating to teachers shall include, but not be limited to, (i)  
3702 teacher credentials, such as master's degrees, teacher preparation  
3703 programs completed and certification levels and endorsement areas,  
3704 (ii) teacher assessments, such as whether a teacher is deemed highly  
3705 qualified pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, or  
3706 deemed to meet such other designations as may be established by  
3707 federal law or regulations for the purposes of tracking the equitable  
3708 distribution of instructional staff, (iii) the presence of substitute  
3709 teachers in a teacher's classroom, (iv) class size, (v) numbers relating to  
3710 absenteeism in a teacher's classroom, and (vi) the presence of a  
3711 teacher's aide. The department shall assign a unique teacher identifier  
3712 to each teacher prior to collecting such data in the public school  
3713 information system;

3714 (C) Data relating to schools and districts shall include, but not be  
3715 limited to, (i) school population, (ii) annual student graduation rates,  
3716 (iii) annual teacher retention rates, (iv) school disciplinary records,  
3717 such as data relating to suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary  
3718 actions, (v) the percentage of students whose primary language is not  
3719 English, (vi) the number of and professional credentials of support  
3720 personnel, and (vii) information relating to instructional technology,  
3721 such as access to computers.

3722 (2) Collect data relating to student enrollment in and graduation  
3723 from institutions of higher education for any student who had been  
3724 assigned a unique student identifier pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
3725 section, provided such data is available.

3726 (3) Develop means for access to and data sharing with the data

3727 systems of public institutions of higher education in the state.

3728 Sec. 86. Sections 10-16s, 10-16cc, 10-16dd, 17b-23 and 19a-83 of the  
 3729 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2014*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-16bb
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	10-14n
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-266p(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16n
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16p
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16u
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16w
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16z
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16aa
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-2
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-705a(c) to (e)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-12
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-730
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-733
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-734
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-735(a)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-736
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-737
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-738
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-739
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749a
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749c(a) and (b)
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749d

Sec. 33	July 1, 2014	17b-749e
Sec. 34	July 1, 2014	17b-749f
Sec. 35	July 1, 2014	17b-749g
Sec. 36	July 1, 2014	17b-749h
Sec. 37	July 1, 2014	17b-749i
Sec. 38	July 1, 2014	17b-749j
Sec. 39	July 1, 2014	17b-749k
Sec. 40	July 1, 2014	17b-750
Sec. 41	July 1, 2014	17b-751
Sec. 42	July 1, 2014	17b-751d
Sec. 43	July 1, 2014	17b-751e
Sec. 44	July 1, 2014	17a-28(g)(11)
Sec. 45	July 1, 2014	19a-77
Sec. 46	July 1, 2014	19a-79
Sec. 47	July 1, 2014	19a-80
Sec. 48	July 1, 2014	19a-80f
Sec. 49	July 1, 2014	19a-82
Sec. 50	July 1, 2014	19a-86
Sec. 51	July 1, 2014	19a-87
Sec. 52	July 1, 2014	19a-87a
Sec. 53	July 1, 2014	19a-87b
Sec. 54	July 1, 2014	19a-87c
Sec. 55	July 1, 2014	19a-87d
Sec. 56	July 1, 2014	19a-87e
Sec. 57	July 1, 2014	8-210
Sec. 58	July 1, 2014	10a-194c(a)
Sec. 59	July 1, 2014	12-634
Sec. 60	July 1, 2014	17a-101(b)
Sec. 61	July 1, 2014	17b-90(b)
Sec. 62	July 1, 2014	10-16mm(a)
Sec. 63	July 1, 2014	17b-7a
Sec. 64	July 1, 2014	31-286a(d)
Sec. 65	from passage	SA 13-16, Sec. 1
Sec. 66	July 1, 2014	19a-84
Sec. 67	July 1, 2014	19a-85
Sec. 68	from passage	10-183b(14)
Sec. 69	from passage	10-183b(20)
Sec. 70	from passage	10-183b(26)
Sec. 71	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 72	July 1, 2014	19a-420

Sec. 73	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-421
Sec. 74	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-422
Sec. 75	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-423
Sec. 76	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-425
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Sec. 78	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-427
Sec. 79	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-428
Sec. 80	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-429
Sec. 81	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 82	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 83	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 84	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 85	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-10a(c)
Sec. 86	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section